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JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL.

FILE DESCRIPTION

Philadelphia FILE

SUBJECT Thomas L. Black

FILE NO. 65-4332-1-B-1

VOLUME NO. Bulkies

SERIALS 1-B-1 (1)

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1-B-1 (31)

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Thomas L. Black

Exhibit Number	Description	Released	Denied	Withheld
65-4332-1-B-1(1)	surveillance notes	✓		
(2)	signed statement; photo	✓		
(3)	surveillance notes	✓	Best copy available	
(4)	letter & 1 sheet	✓	Best copy available	
(5)	statements of subject	✓		
(6)	interview notes	✓	Best copy available	
(7)	FD-26 (consent to search)	✓		
(8)	notes of search	✓		
(9)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(10)	signed statements	✓		
(11)	search notes	✓		
(12)	surveillance notes	✓		
(13)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(14)	surveillance notes	✓		
(15)	surveillance notes	✓	Best copy available	
(16)	Inventory	✓		
(17)	Inventory of search	✓		
(18)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(19)	photo of subject	✓		
(20)	subject's trash	✓	available for view	
(21)	Log of interview of subject	✓		

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PHIL. BULKY EXHIBIT FILES

Thomas L. Black

[illegible]

Retained 6/27/61, 2d
Return 5/3/67 CS

THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE R
65-4332

THIS MATERIAL IS LOCATED IN THE BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Surveillance notes of SA Middleton on 6-12-50. (see ser 154)

2. Signed statement, Harry Rosen dtd 6-18-50
3. Photo of subject with Rosen's signature
4. Two photo static copies of Rosen's w/ bill for cab 657 on 6-9-50 (see ser 154)
5. Agents surveillance notes (see ser 153)
6. (1) 2 sheets of ltr dtd 6-9-46 to "Dear Yank" which chemical formula
7. Notes dictated by subject on 6-15-50
8. Note on "attempts" with subject 6-15-50
9. 7.D. 26 - count & search Laboratory at 1927 W. 6th
10. Notes of search by L.A. Pett of Black's Lab at Chas. Berg Laboratories, 1821 W 5th St
11. Log of interview w/ Thomas L. Black on June 15 + 16, 50
12. Signed statement of Subject 6-15-50
13. Notes of search at 1924 W. 6th St, Phila; Rooms of subject by SA Pett
14. Surveillance notes on 6-15-50 on Black (see ser 223)
15. Log of interview on 6-20-50 w/ subject by SA? Weller & H.
16. Notes on physical surveillance on 6-14-50 on subject (ser 154)
17. Notes on surveillance of Subject 6-14-50
18. Inventory as signed by Black & one C. [unclear]
19. Inventory of search (original & one C. [unclear])
20. Two page log of interview of Subject 6-21-50 in room 517
21. SA's Holmes & [unclear] 6-21-50 in room 517
22. 6 print - 11 notes of 1929 Penn State College yearbook photo of Subject (249)
23. 1 photo re Subject 1929 W. 6th Phila 6-15-50
24. Interview log w/ Subject in room 517 6-21-50
25. Interview log w/ Subject in room 517 6-21-50
26. Steatotype notes of Subject 6-21-50
27. Surveillance notes on Subject 6-20-50
28. Steatotype notes on interview of Subject 6-20-50
29. Auto notes re searches & interview with W. L. H. [unclear]
30. Surveillance notes covering 6-16-50 & 6-17-50
31. Comes to search Spruce Chemical & Tanning & the [unclear] [unclear]
32. Surveillance notes for 6-21-50, Phila. free library re [unclear] [unclear]
33. Notes SA Holmes re check of notes [unclear] [unclear]

65-4332-1-B-1
JUN 17 1950
FBI - PHILADELPHIA

Date Received 6-12-50

From JJ Middleton
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By Same
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description: Surv. notes
on 6/12/50.

File No. 65-4332-1-B-1(1)

(4)

10³⁰ left drug store

10²⁴ arrived home

11³⁴ lights out

P.C.D.

(5)

8³³ suby walked
home with two
packages

8⁴⁰ arrived home

8⁵⁰ left home

8⁵² mailed letter at
Berks + station

8⁵⁴ at work

8⁵⁶ left work with
two packages

9⁰⁰ arrived home

9⁰² left home

9¹⁰ arrived at cgr
store 1808 Huntington
entered place of work

9²⁷ went home
with 2 boxes

9³⁰ arrived home

9³⁰ left home

9⁴¹ arrived at rate

8⁵⁶

Black car
on 1st
2nd

1st South

6¹⁰ B. B. B. at
along + stand

6⁴⁰ made til call
from middle

Gil. Booth on
wholesale drug store
Broad + 1st

6⁵⁶ left til post
Took 6.5 steel
Car # 8373
to 6 + Berks

7²⁰ worked 8
mark at fab
W. S. T.

P.C.D.

6-12-58

65-4332

WGC

3:50 PM On location - vicinity
1827 N. 5th

5:02 PM Left with man with
5'7" 160 lbs
white straw hat - Galbreath

Went across 5th &

Permutan Ave. Did

not come into sight after

crossing - JLO checked

P

5:11 PM - 6-12-68
Cockney and Se

pure amples left -
had entered relatively new
light green De Sota LP392

Cockney has window glasses

North, 1 to Alleyway

Left on right on Sedley
over to 8th, north on 8th

6-12-55

Log

5:30 PM

Car stopped on East side of
12th St - red house
north from corner 12th + 65th Ave

Driver got out and entered
front entrance of house

Grey stone house, cream trim

Coach (open) hedge around
and drove into porch

Green awnings on house to
north of 12th with white stripes

Red house on corner 12th + 65th
White house paired foot corner

5:40 PM - Driver came out
with brown paper bag in hand

6-12-50

Wgc

5:45 PM Arrived 1908 Dallas
(Word from JTM) - subject
entered & left 5:50

5:53 PM Package was
dropped off at 20th & Ogden

5:56 Package boarded
#6 trolley - 2065

Southbound on Ogden

6:10 Trolley arrived

Ogden station - JCO
out

Writer proceeded to Columbia
& Broad & thence to
Germantown & 5th

6-12-50 Lge

6:45 PM D. hid at G. entrance +
5th Bge's wood via radio
that packing was a Helon
D. my place at Olney + Broad
making phone call to JCO
proceeded to Columbia + Broad
arriving at 6:58 PM

6-12-50

7:25^{PM} Word from JCO that
package was at IF27 7.5th
8:00 PM the position in
Caldwell St south of
Berks crossing near entrance
to Berg Lab.

8:35 Package left work -
(word from P115)

8:36 Saw package at Germantown
+ Berks - Package
under arm - appeared to
be two packages wrapped
in brown paper and the
wrapped together with
garment tape.

6-12-54

Log

8:40 PM - Package arrived
home -

8:50 Package left home

8:51 Package mailed letter
in box on SE corner

Perth + Germantown

8:54 Package returned 1827754

9:05 left house ⁶⁻⁵⁰ WSC
9:10 left arrived office
1827 95th did not enter. went
to 1808 Fremont Ave
9:14 Back to office
9:35 Left office } JSM
9:40 Entered home
2 packages - one under } JCO
each arm
10:00 Package in
Cul rate drug store
2040? (no number) Fremont
Package in booth making
telephone call
FREEMONT 7 9755
10:20 - Left drug store
11:00 On home
11:30 light out

6-12-50

J J m

4¹⁰/₀ Sun started

6718 no 8H

J J m + A F H

4¹²/₀ Disc arrived

671827 no 5H

4³⁸/₀ am 1827 no 5H

5¹¹/₀ dep 1827 no 5H

in 21 Sun West

6P392 with another

5³⁰/₀ am 6503 no 12H

companion entered house

5⁴⁰/₀ comp dep. am +

drove Subj to

1908 Dallas St.

5⁴⁵/₀ am 1908 Dallas

Subj entered

5⁴⁹/₀ Subj dep 1908 Dallas

5⁵⁰/₀ Subj dep car

+ boarded #6

Trolley 20th +

Ogontz

6¹⁰/₀ Subj dep trolley

+ entered Subway

Grand + Alney

out of sight.

8⁰⁰/₀ 1827 no 5H

8³⁸/₀ dep 1827 no 5H

20th up under arm

8⁴⁰/₀ am 1929 no 6H

8⁵⁰/₀ Dep

8⁵²/₀ deposited letter

SE corner Buks +

sub.

8⁵⁴/₀ am 1827 no 5H

8⁵⁶/₀

in 2 Parkway

9⁰⁰/₀ am 1929 no 6H

9⁰⁵/₀ dep 1929 no 6H

9¹⁰/₀ am 1808

Subj. Cign. Str.

9¹⁴/₀ am 1827 no 5H

9³⁵/₀ dep 1827 no 5H

2 boxes.

9⁴⁰/₀ am 1929 no 6H

9⁵⁰/₀ dep 1929 no 6H

9⁵⁴/₀ am 2040 Subj

10⁰⁰/₀ telephone call

from King Street

10²⁰/₀ dep 2040 Subj

10²⁴/₀ 1929 no 6H

11³⁰/₀ light disc

11⁴⁵/₀ Sun Disc

J J m

Date Received 6-14-50

1. Yellow Cab Co & Harry Rosen
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By SAs W.B. Wette & R.W. Holmes
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:
see below

File No. 65-4332-1B-1-(2)

- (A) signed statement Harry Rosen dated 6-14-50
- (B) Photo of Thos L. Black with Rosen's signature
- (C) Two photostatic copies of Rosen's utility bill for Cab 657 on 6-19-50

see SN 65-4332-157



Harry Rosen - 6/17/50

65-4332-18 (5)
(712)-1-8-1-2224-59

#1

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 14, 1950

I, Harry Rosen, 2503 No. Douglas St., Philadelphia, Pa., make the following signed statement to Robert W. Holmes and William B. Welte, Jr. who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am willing to testify to the following facts.

I am employed by the Yellow Cab Co as a driver, payroll number 5859. On June 9, 1950 I was driving Yellow Cab # 657. At approximately 9⁴⁵ A.M. on June 9, 1950 I picked up a fare at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. This fare instructed me to drive to the corner of 5th & Becks St., Phila., Pa. When arriving there he instructed me to park on Becks Street east of 5th.

My fare got out of the cab and walked south on 5th St. ^{H.R.} As we drove up 5th St., ^{H.R.} we passed a place on the east side of 5th St. He said that he was going to see a
Harry Rosen
6/14/50

#2

friend of his who worked there. The name on the place was Charles Berg. I did not see him ~~then~~ enter the place, but after being gone for about two minutes he returned with a man, dressed in shirt sleeves and no hat. I have been shown a photograph and I can identify this photograph ^{HA being} as the individual who contacted my fare. I have signed this photograph as identification. My fare and this man spoke for about two minutes, after which my fare entered the cab and instructed me to drive to Second and Chew Sts., Phila. Pa.

After reentering my fare appeared to be rather nervous. He did not speak to me as he did before the stop. He bent down below the vision of my rear view mirror for about one minute. After he got out of car I found about half a dozen burnt matches. It is my habit to clean the cab after each fare and know that it did not contain the matches when he got in.

Harry Rosen
6/18/50

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As soon as he first entered the cab H.R. in front of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, he said that he had just returned from Italy that morning. The plane could not land here in Philadelphia and had to go to La Guardia Field in New York City. He told me that he was an engineer and had made several trips to Italy. He said that he had worked for the Fiat people in Italy. I asked him about conditions there and he told me that towns that had communist mayors had contented people.

I left him off at the corner of Second and Chew St., Phila., Pa. where he ~~H.R. returned~~ went to the house on the N.E. corner. I carried his bags to this porch. He tried the door and then walked around on the porch. Then I left.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and two other pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kenny Rosen

2503 N. Douglas St

Witnesses

Robert W. Holmes Special Agent FBI Phila 6/14/50

William B. Welton Special Agent, F.B.I. Phila 6/14/50

65-4332-1-B-10(c)

DATE JUN 9 1950		TOTAL MILES	PAID MILES	UNITS	TRIPS	EXTRAS	TIME
CAR NO. 657	SENIORITY NO. 42E31A	IN 5863	4518	490	387	284	IN 458 JUN
GARAGE		OUT 4778	4217	4748	3830	2838	OUT 747 JUN
LOCUST		TOTAL 85	161	153	21	3	
DRIVER'S NAME (Please Print) HARRY ROSEN		GAS USED 8	RECEIPTS 15.30	5.25	.30	TOTAL RECEIPTS \$20.85	
PATROLL NO. 5859		SHIFT					

Tye No.	No. of Pass.	No. of Pieces	FROM	TIME	TO	TIME	AMOUNT		
							Flat Rate \$	Motor Rate \$	Phone \$
1	2	P	Let Chatter	8:15	Marina Rd	8:50		2.35	
2	1	P	City Sign	9:05	6th St	9:30		1.65	
3	1	P	Post Office	9:35	2nd St	10:15		1.95	
4	2	W	501 G. Young	10:05	4th St	10:30		1.95	10
5	2	W	501 G. Young	10:45	20th St	11:10		1.95	10
6	1	P	Bank + Hotel	11:30	Bank + Hotel	11:35			
7	1	P	Marina + Hotel	11:35	6th St	12:10			
8	1	P	7th St	12:15	15th St	12:30			
9	1	P	Bank + Hotel	12:35	Bank + Hotel	12:45			
10	1	P	Bank + Hotel	12:45	Bank + Hotel	12:55			
11	1	P	Bank + Hotel	12:55	Bank + Hotel	1:05			
12	1	P	Bank + Hotel	1:05	Bank + Hotel	1:15			
13	1	P	Bank + Hotel	1:15	Bank + Hotel	1:25			
14	1	P	Bank + Hotel	1:25	Bank + Hotel	1:35			
15	2	P	Bank + Hotel	1:35	Bank + Hotel	1:45			
16	1	P	Bank + Hotel	1:45	Bank + Hotel	1:55			
17	1	P	Bank + Hotel	1:55	Bank + Hotel	2:05			
18	1	P	Bank + Hotel	2:05	Bank + Hotel	2:15			
19	1	P	Bank + Hotel	2:15	Bank + Hotel	2:25			
20	1	P	Bank + Hotel	2:25	Bank + Hotel	2:35			
21	1	P	Bank + Hotel	2:35	Bank + Hotel	2:45			
22	1	P	Bank + Hotel	2:45	Bank + Hotel	2:55			
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30	Passengers	TOTAL AMOUNT	20.55
ADJUSTMENTS (To be made only by person in charge of garage)			30
DID YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT?	YES NO	TYPE METER	NET AMOUNT 20.85

DATE **JUN 9 1950**

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CAR NO. 42E31A SENIORITY NO. CARAGE		IN 85.3 42.8 490.1 381 2841 IN 4.58 JUN
LOCUST		OUT 4173 42.7 4145 3230 2833 OUT 747 JUN
TOTAL 85 61 153 21 3		TOTAL RECEIPTS \$20.8
DRIVER'S NAME (Please Print) HERN ROSEN PATROL NO. 5859		GAS USED 8 RECEIPTS 15.30 5.25 .30 SHIFT TOTAL RECEIPTS \$20.8

No.	Type	Time	FROM	TIME	TO	TIME	AMOUNT		
							Flat Rate	Meter Rate	Phone
							\$ Cents	\$ Cents	\$ Cents
1	1		Ret. Chatter	8:50	Intercom 2nd	8:50		2.35	
2	1		SVT City	9:30	briffy Scher	9:30		1.65	
3	1		Intercom 2nd	10:15	Intercom 2nd	10:15		1.65	
4	2		SVT 4th	10:30	Intercom 2nd	10:30		1.65	10
5	2		SVT 6th	10:45	Intercom 2nd	10:45		1.65	10
6	1		Brick & cement	11:30	Brick & cement	11:30		2.35	
7	1		Intercom 2nd	12:00	Intercom 2nd	12:00		2.35	
8	1		Intercom 2nd	12:30	Intercom 2nd	12:30		2.35	
9	1		Intercom 2nd	12:45	Intercom 2nd	12:45		2.35	
10	1		Intercom 2nd	1:00	Intercom 2nd	1:00		2.35	
11	1		Intercom 2nd	1:15	Intercom 2nd	1:15		2.35	
12	1		Intercom 2nd	1:30	Intercom 2nd	1:30		2.35	
13	4		Intercom 2nd	1:45	Intercom 2nd	1:45		2.35	
14	1		Intercom 2nd	2:00	Intercom 2nd	2:00		2.35	
15	2		Intercom 2nd	2:15	Intercom 2nd	2:15		2.35	
16	1		Intercom 2nd	2:30	Intercom 2nd	2:30		2.35	
17	1		Intercom 2nd	2:45	Intercom 2nd	2:45		2.35	
18	1		Intercom 2nd	3:00	Intercom 2nd	3:00		2.35	
19	1		Intercom 2nd	3:15	Intercom 2nd	3:15		2.35	
20	1		Intercom 2nd	3:30	Intercom 2nd	3:30		2.35	
21	1		Intercom 2nd	3:45	Intercom 2nd	3:45		2.35	
22	1		Intercom 2nd	4:00	Intercom 2nd	4:00		2.35	
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30 - Passengers

ADJUSTMENTS (To be made by driver) TOTAL AMOUNT - 20.5

DID YOU HAVE AN ALTIMETER? YES NO TYPE METER NET AMOUNT 20.8

Date Received 6-14-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. E. Spincy
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:
Agents Surveillance notes

File No. 65-4332-1-B-1-(3)

see ser 65-4332-154

65-433 ✓ 6/14/59

65-4332-1-B-1(2)

2:1 ✓ - Woman + Clark
expected to remain
stayed in front of
South Broad Street
305 S. Broad St.
until

2:3 ✓ - Woman went to
Sandwich Shop
on Spruce Street
+ made telephone
call

2:37 Woman entered her
car + drove to 100
ft. N. Broad.
Due to difficulties
in parking (curb)
Clark Newman was
not seen entering

any building on Broad St.
However his car
was kept under surveillance
until 4:15 when
SAs Mitchell + the
witness were released
by SAs W. G. Carroll
+ Alfred F. Kelleberg

6/24/59 per
photo gun
post

65-4332-2 6-14-60

12:30 - Went South from

12:30 - Went South from
talking and small dark
hair to Campbell
young man.

12:36 - Went to rear of front

with man who had
at same time.

1:10 - Went to 5th Street

1:10 - Went to 5th Street
to 5th Street - 2nd Street
+ Capital SE corner

1:10 - Went to 5th Street
to 5th Street - 2nd Street
+ Capital SE corner

2:06 - The 3 men returned

to 5th Street - 2nd Street

2:10 - 3 men came out of
cleaners, with literature which
appeared to be a magazine -
typed to mention in
and discussing mag

2:14 - Went to 5th Street

2:14 - Went to 5th Street
to 5th Street - 2nd Street

2:17 - 4 men came out of 5th Street

2:33 - Left at 5th Street

2:34 - Walked East to 4th

2:34 - Walked East to 4th
Street. Stopped and
turned around and
looked back towards
5th St. from 4th Street.

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5th St. from 4th Street.

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6-14-60
Phile
JEB
Rm
Rm

5th St. from 4th Street. turned around and stood in doorway.

65-0531 - 2- 6-14-50

2:36 Arrived 4th & Belmont.
and sat at corner.

2:38 Turned west on Belmont
and walked to front steps
of corner and looking
corner of 4th & Belmont.

2:42 Returned to corner 4th
& Belmont and stood for
a while at the curb -

2:44 Crossed 4th St to NE
corner then returned to
NW corner - looking
south on 4th then west
on Belmont.

3:06 Observed by SA ^{4B} O'Leary
and then to King Linn.
at 3:45

65-0531 - 1- 6-14-50

6:28 on Belmont 1929 Buick
7:00 Reported package

7:16 Reported package

7:22 Reported package

7:47 - Returned to Lake

7:47 - Reported to L. and present
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7:47 - Reported to L. and present

1929 Buick

10:43 Reported to L. and present

10:45 Reported to L. and present

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10:45 Reported to L. and present

Handwritten: 6/17/50
6/17/50

Date received: 6-6-50

From: The Thomas L. Blunk

(Name of Contributor)

125 N. 6th St. Phila.

(Address of Contributor)

By: SE. Foster, H. H. Galt

(Name of Special Agent)

To be Returned: Yes ()

Description: 1) 2 sets of Bilt. data 6-9-46 to "New York"

2) 1 set of document fragments

File No: 65-1332-1B-1(4)

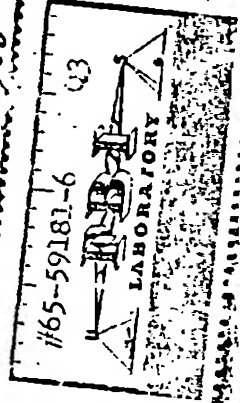
June 9, 1945
 1-2 out (9:30)
 1-2 down

Dear you
I have now I hope to get this out to you
about the notes we are; it's fine that I can't find them
your first thing, I'd just want to see if
our stuff Sept 6 add 10g KOH, 100 ml MeOH. Roll up
KOH (87.5%) in 100 ml MeOH. Roll up
Sept 6 Sep 6 100 g. rolled with 12 g. KOH, MeOH,
let stand to go
and insoluble at 80°
5 ml MeOH

④ Confirmed that you must frequently be in matter
fact about always. A ratio of 100 ml of solution
was 3.2 g of MeOH per 100 ml of solution
which is made up of 26.1 g of MeOH per
100 ml of solution. The difference came in the
last time I tested. I might also add that you
had different results. It's following the
too, sometimes throwing in a little of that at
to you in a doubt, don't need all of that at
in MeOH, I hope. You gave your letter
we made up KOH solution (find in your letter
for what I've seen that already gave
which is 3.2 g of MeOH per liter of MeOH
and about 100 ml of MeOH per liter of MeOH
portion is at 3.2 g of MeOH per liter of MeOH
book what I feel are remains pertaining to that. But
Just as given in order, by page.
Page 9, Sept 7 A2a, presumably isocholsterol, was taken
up 30 ml acetone - MeOH 2:1 or 30 vol. as per gram,
and weighed 3.2 g. It did not dissolve
completely when hot. On cooling the precipitation produced
a fine white network of crystals. The entire
volume of the solution was 5 g. and 78%. This
check the solution. I am sure that 80% of the
crystals were from the MeOH. I am sure that
this was actual. I am sure that
the solid part was not the same as the
solid part.

He inquires about Consul (they all speak English) has
no support. Saw apparently a report old
Pole "10" etc. He has any official travel
A. No. He is not a local authority.

Q. Is it possible to travel from Warsaw to Berlin? A. About
physically speaking? A. Officially I can give no
answer. Personally I wouldn't do it. Q. What about
travel facilities? A. (cannot answer) Well from Berlin
Warsaw is along a main route, but
transportation is suspended, due to the fact that people are being
travel is suspended. Also it is a long way from
Warsaw about half way across Poland.

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(Question by Mr. WELTE: You don't know whether FLEURSDORF furnished anything or not?) I know that he did but I think, as a matter of fact I'm positive, that it was on a strictly legitimate basis. (Question by Mr. WELTE: Did he give it to you?) No. This fellow SCHWARTZ, Dr. SCHWARTZ, that was the name that we both knew the fellow by. My impression was that he sold his original freeze drying apparatus, the one that he developed and the process for freeze drying. He's quite an authority in that field. He just published a book last year on freeze drying. He is now with Stokes Manufacturing Company. He was with the University of Pennsylvania when I went to see him. I believe he was Professor of Bacteriology. As near as I can recall that was in 1940 or thereabouts, because it was after I had the accident and it was after I had recuperated. My impression is it was before the war.

(Question by Mr. WELTE: What did BILL want you to do during 1941?) During 1941 or thereabouts he wanted me to go to work for Kellogg and he wanted me to contact people which I did not do. I didn't even hear the name Manhattan Project until much, much later. The first time I ever heard it was when the Truman Committee wanted to know where all the money was going and Roosevelt told them not to ask those questions, something to that effect.

I'm telling you the honest truth; those two people are the only people that I contacted. (Question by Mr. WELTE: Did they request you to develop contacts at different places?) Yes, I was supposed to. Of course, I never did it. I would evade the issue in every way possible. They never gave me any contacts. I was supposed to get contacts if it were possible. They wanted me to get acquainted with the Trotskyites during that period and spy on them and during the later period everything was more or less indefinite. They always implied that they wanted me to meet people, etc. The only two people I ever did meet was this fellow from Wilmington and FLEURSDORF.

(Question: That was in 1940?) Around there sometime. This fellow SCHWARTZ was in contact with me after I had the accident. He is the one that wanted me to contact FLEURSDORF. I can't tell you exact dates. It was around there sometime. (1939) The accident was in 1938, March 10, 1938 and I was in the hospital until July and I was not out of bandages until late in the Fall or early Winter of 1938. I'm not holding out. I'm sorry I don't remember exact dates but I do remember people and these two are absolutely the only ones that I ever contacted for the Soviet Union. From what I read in the newspapers, HARRIS was a willing worker. I was not a willing worker. I was trying to avoid the whole thing, evade it and get out of it, but they wouldn't let me.

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Thomas J. Black

(Question by Mr. WELTE: Do you remember going to a hotel up in New York around 23rd and 7th Avenue with HARRY?) Yes, I certainly do. It was a very innocent thing. This is real cloak and dagger stuff. They wanted me to do something of a technical nature for the Soviet Union. Well, to keep them quiet and not to get involved in anything I told them that Westinghouse had brought out a new ultra violet lamp which might be of interest to them. I asked him if it was of interest and he said yes. He said he wanted one so I bought him one. So he said to put it in the suitcase and fix it up. So that we did, HARRY and I. It so happened that HARRY came up to see me that weekend on a social visit. So I told him I promised to put the ultra violet light in the suitcase and fix it up so it would work. I told HARRY I promised to have this thing done by Monday night. ~~WELTE~~, the fellow I shared the apartment with, would naturally be curious as to why we were putting a lamp in the suitcase and so I told him (HARRY) we'll go to a hotel room. I had a few simple little holes to drill and wiring to do and so on. We did that in the hotel room in New York, in the Chelsea, 23rd Street and 7th Avenue.

(Question) PAUL PETERSON asked me to do it. He wanted me to do something. I suggested that as a harmless form of activity. That's the sort of game I've been playing with these fellows for years, engaging in perfectly harmless activity to keep them quiet and to keep them away. I knew PETERSON was an espionage agent. This was something he could purchase himself. I had written one for the Laboratory where I worked.

(Question by Mr. WELTE: Did you submit written reports to PETERSON?) Yes, generally. (Question: Would you use some secret writing of some kind?) No. PETERSON was putting the pressure on me to do something of value for the Soviet Union. This light came out. It was advertised by Westinghouse. I told him he might be interested in it. He said yes, get me one. Anything I ever gave PETERSON in writing was in plain, ordinary English. (Question: Where did you get the idea it could be used for secret writing?) I guess everybody knows it. Every chemist knows it. I never used secret writing. He paid me the cost of the thing which was about \$25.00. It had a transformer, bulb and reflector and I bought a suitcase for him. That's all. That seems very mysterious. It's actually quite innocent.

(Question: Three weeks ago or the Monday before HARRY was arrested you had a mysterious telephone call from Mr. WATKINS at the Burke Laboratories, whom you believe to be ~~back~~) That's right. (You were not there and therefore you did not get the message. In 1948 you received the other call from

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WATKINS instructing you to meet him in New York City in front of Macy's Department Store. When you went there it turned out to be ~~Jack~~ ^{Jack}. I knew it was ~~him~~ ^{Jack} before I went. I recognized his accent. (Question: Just what was it ~~he~~ ^{Jack} wanted?) He wanted to re-establish his contact with me and wanted me to work with him on a consulting basis. On a legitimate basis, I would work, I told him; not as an espionage agent. (Question: What was the exact thing he wanted you to do?) He didn't say. He said he would be in touch with me later. He never got in touch with me later. (Question: How did he know where you were working at that time?) I haven't any idea. (Question: How long had it been at that time since he had previously been in contact with you?) I don't know the exact date, but it was a matter of several years. It was probably 1945 or thereabouts. I believe I was working at CHARLIE BURG's then. He ~~(Jack)~~ ^(Jack) always wanted me to establish contacts and work with him and so on, the same sort of thing.

(Question: Did they give you instructions?) All verbal. They frowned on making notes. I frowned on it too because I could always say that I'd forgotten and I was trying to evade the whole thing.

(Question: What do you have up in your apartment?) Books, papers, junk. (Question: Would you be willing for a couple of our men to take a look there?) Yes.

(Question: What was FRED HELLER's reaction when you two went to Amtorg in 1933 or 1934?) He was the one who made the original contact with OVAKIMIAN. (Question: Was he a Socialist?) No, he was a Communist sympathizer. (Question: Was he ever a member of the Communist Party?) To the best of my knowledge he was not. (Question: You went to school with him?) Yes, at Penn State. I left. I did not get my degree because I was sick during that time and then I never had a chance to go back. We were good friends at Penn State. When he (HELLER) got out of Penn State he went to the University of Virginia for a year and then he got a job with Penn Sugar. He was fired from Penn Sugar in a very unethical way. The story behind that was there was a strike and he refused to cross a picket line so they transferred him to what was in those days the Franco-American Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Penn Sugar which later became the Pennsylvania Alcohol and Chemical Company and more recently Commercial Solvent purchased it. He was transferred up there and then fired about a week later. That was to get him away from these friends in the plant, the workers whose picket lines he refused to cross.

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He was out of work for a while. He had a few small jobs, one for Celluloid which did not last long; another one for some envelope company. Generally he was unemployed for a period of a few years thereafter. I can't really give you his biography. If you ask specific questions I'll try to give you specific answers.

(Question: When he first became unemployed, he came up to New York to you?) Well, he had a room in Carlstadt, N.J., where the plant was, and then later he was in New York. (Question: You and HELLER saw each other frequently?) Yes, very frequently. (Question: You say he was a Communist sympathizer, not a Party member?) That's right. (Question: He established first contact with OVAKIMIAN?) Yes. (Question: What was his purpose in establishing contact?) We both wanted to go to Soviet Union to work. We discussed this among ourselves for a long time. Finally, we went to Amtorg and this was the fellow that he saw. (Question: Did you see anyone else up there?) No, just OVAKIMIAN. (Question: How long did HELLER engage in this work at Amtorg whereby OVAKIMIAN would give you and HELLER a problem you would handle?) It could not have been more than three or four months at the most. I doubt if it was longer than that. (Question: How many problems do you feel that he was given?) Well, I don't think that he was given any that I did not know about on his own. (Question: How many did you know that he was given?) Perhaps a dozen, through OVAKIMIAN.

(Question: Did he know PAUL PETERSON?) I don't believe so. I doubt it. As a matter of fact I'm almost certain that he didn't because I met PETERSON afterward - after he lost interest in going to the Soviet Union. HELLER is unstable emotionally and he fell in love with a girl or a couple of them at various times and that was the story there. (Question: Did you see him frequently?) Yes, quite frequently; perhaps at least once a week. (Question: You mean from 1934 to 1937?) Yes. (Question: Did he know you were a Party member?) Yes. (Question: You were a Party member all during that period?) No, I was a Party member from about 1932 or thereabouts up until late 1933, but I remained a sympathizer considerably longer.

(Question: It was about 1937 that you and HELLER obtained the ^{Pickering} patent?) Yes. (Question: Why did HELLER just pick the one?) It had come to his attention through correspondence between American Chemical & Paint Company and Amtorg that they were interested in this process. At that period I was trying to keep away from Soviet espionage in every way I possibly could to avoid contacts and to avoid involvement, and to avoid seeing these agents. We went after them for jobs. Neither one of us wanted to become espionage agents. We wanted to go into the Soviet Union

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to work. (Question: Why did you want to go over there?) To solve our economic problems. We both felt the same way. I had never felt too secure in any job I had. Jobs fold up and what not and thought perhaps that was the way out at the time. In that period I was 100% Communist. I was not one of these wishy-washy Communists who can take their political beliefs or leave them. There comes a point where you draw the line. I am considered by people who know me and I consider myself as a very ethical person and generally I'm on the side of the underdog. Maybe that's why I was a Communist in the first place. There are certain things that I will not do and that was one of them, although I found myself involved in it and was trying to get out of it, but still I just won't spy for anybody.

(Question: You were furnishing information regarding the Trotskyites?) I was not furnishing true information that was of any value. I was trying to pacify them so that they would let me alone. I went in because I hated what the Soviet Union stood for and I had no way of fighting it. When I was in, then they wanted to use me but I consider myself, today even - although I disagree with the Trotskyite movement, more of a Trotskyite than a Stalinist. At the present time MILLER stands precisely where I stand. I believe that this is by far the best country in the world for anybody to live in. In other words, I'm a liberal, you might say, with Leftist tendencies, but they're not subversive tendencies. I want to make that point clear.

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Interview with THOMAS L. BLACK on June 15, 1950
by SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES

Q. What was your relationship with WHITAKER CHAMBERS?

There was no relationship to WHITAKER CHAMBERS but I knew of him. When I went to work for National Oil Products Company in 1933 I became friendly with ROLAND KAPP who shared a laboratory bench with me in the research lab. KAPP knew that BLACK was a Communist at the time. KAPP mentioned to BLACK in confidence that he had once been a member of the Workers Party in 1927 or 1928, and he still had contact with a friend who was a member of the Workers Party with him at that time and who was doing some secret work for the Soviet Union. He said this fellow was living in Washington and he would drop in to see KAPP occasionally in his apartment in Newark. KAPP didn't say the name of this fellow but BLACK guessed it must be someone engaged in espionage work. He said the fellow visited him every six months or so.

BLACK, on being told by KAPP that this fellow was engaged in some work connected with the Soviet Union, told KAPP he wanted to go to the Soviet Union and maybe this fellow could arrange it. BLACK told KAPP he could check his references with the CP. He had used the name JACKSON or JONES in the Party. This was back in 1933.

BLACK doesn't know whether KAPP ever mentioned this to WHITAKER CHAMBERS or to this unidentified individual. He didn't know this person was CHAMBERS but found it out later.

BLACK attended a Trotskyite convention in Chicago and he and KAPP discussed the above matter further. He had heard a group of the Trotskyites discussing WHITAKER CHAMBERS who had formerly been an espionage agent and who had made a break with them. It was mentioned in this discussion that he was a writer, that he once had written articles for the New Masses or that he was an editor; that he had graduated from Columbia University which was the same university KAPP attended and BLACK put two and two together and thought this must be the same person KAPP had reference to. He asked KAPP if the person he had told BLACK about was WHITAKER CHAMBERS and KAPP said yes. BLACK found out from the Trotskyites that CHAMBERS was on the editorial staff of Time Magazine. BLACK never saw WHITAKER CHAMBERS until he saw his picture recently. BLACK was a little concerned at the time because he had told KAPP to tell him about BLACK when he was sympathetic to the Soviet Union which was probably in 1933 or 1934 since CHAMBERS was in those days cooperating, BLACK believes and BLACK thought he might carry his cooperation to the extent that CHAMBERS would remember him.

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BLACK said the fellow who told him about CHAMBERS was FELIX MORROW, editorial staff of the Trotskyite paper. MORROW told BLACK that CHAMBERS had gone to the FBI and had gone first to the Military Intelligence. BLACK got this story from MORROW who got it direct from CHAMBERS.

SA HOLMES said something about FELIX MORROW being on staff of the Militant and BLACK agreed.

Q. Did you ever come in contact directly or indirectly with ELIZABETH BENTLEY?

Not directly. Some Soviet Agents asked BLACK to meet a woman one time at the corner of Washington Avenue and some place or another and contact her. They said she would be in a little store and she would recognize BLACK since he was to carry a magazine or something. BLACK said he didn't show up for appointment. BLACK doesn't know if it was ELIZABETH BENTLEY. BLACK said he was only assuming it was. Her name was to be given to BLACK at a later date but he didn't show up for either appointment.

The fellow who was contacting BLACK probably in 1939 made the appointment.

The purpose of the contact was for BLACK to turn over (this word not understood) to her.

BLACK reiterated he didn't know whether this was ELIZABETH BENTLEY or not but believes in view of what has happened since then that probably the woman was BENTLEY. BLACK said he is only guessing.

Q. Did you ever have any contact with a woman named HELEN?

No.

Q. Do the Soviets ordinarily use women to make contacts?

No. not in my case. I suppose they would use anybody who was willing

Q. Do the Soviets have women in the same category as (here names were mentioned by SA Holmes)

Presumably they do because this woman-I was to contact was in that category.

Q. Like the next circle inside from you.

Black said yes to this statement.

Utilities

William B. Walter, Jr. Capt. J. B.
 Herbert A. Wolcott, Jr. Capt. 1st Regt.

Thomas L. Black

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be Jack*

The following is a transcript of odd comments made by THOMAS L. BLACK during the course of his interview by SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES at the Philadelphia Office, June 15, 1950.

If WATKINS ever contacts me again, I'll get you WATKINS. I'll inform you and I'll make an appointment with him, if he ever contacts me again. I tell you, why, I want to get the hell out of this thing once and for all. I have never done anything that I'm aware of at least, in the matter of espionage. I'm not guilty but I'm involved and I'm scared to death of these people because they're completely ruthless. There again, I probably should have come to you years ago

I did take a trip to Chicago but not for them. I took a trip to Chicago at the Trotskyist Convention. It was, I think, 1939. I haven't been active in the Trotskyist Movement since before we were in the war. I don't know a single Trotskyite in the City, not one.

There were people that I was supposed to contact but always I couldn't make it. There was a fellow that they wanted me to contact that worked in Wilmington, Delaware. I believe he may have been a DuPont employee or some chemical employee. This was still this fellow ~~and~~, but before he lost contact with me about 1939. He wanted me to contact this fellow and something turned up I couldn't make it or something or other. That would have been arranged - as to how I would have identified him and how he would have identified me. That would have been taken care of had I made the trip.

(Question by Mr. WELTE re GOLD's espionage. Answer: He never did and I never asked him, because if he were, I didn't want to know about it. You understand my feelings in that matter. I may have suspected it. Maybe I didn't. I know that I had made the initial contact if he were, but I didn't want to know anything that he was doing in that connection. I think it was mutual and we never discussed it. I believe I told HARRY on one or two occasions that I was a Trotskyite.

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My personal opinion of ~~BELL~~ is, and this is only a guess, he was a naturalized Czechoslovakian. He had a very faint ~~and~~ I know he was born in Czechoslovakia as he told me so. He had a very faint accent although it had been distinctive. He must have, to lose his accent. Never mentioned a word about a family. My impression was that he was not a chemist, because of the way he ~~placed~~ certain things. As a matter of fact, I'm almost certain that he was not. He was the only contact they had with me and they were trying to get me, of course, to work for them.

been in America a long time

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Robert W. Holmes, SAs, 2. B. I.*

Thomas L. Black

I have taken trips but strictly business trips.

Philadelphia
~~Came to~~ ~~Philadelphia~~ City. I believe that was all. These things were discussed in a general sort of a way but no specific trips and I'll tell you something else, if it will clear the matter up any. During all this period, it would have been physically impossible for me to take any trips of any magnitude had I wanted to. The reason it would have been physically impossible, I had this pet crow in the apartment house screaming and that animal had to be taken care of and pacified because I would have been thrown out of the apartment. I had a number of pet rats that a lot of people thought were queer. In other words, I had responsibilities.

They had a few defense contracts I believe (National Oil Products). I didn't know a thing about it one way or another. The reason I didn't, I was working as a bacteriologist there, to keep their products from decomposing. That sort of thing didn't enter into my category. Mildew Proofing, yes, not flame-proofing. It had nothing to do with me. I don't know anything about that because I wasn't particularly interested in what the other departments were doing. The mildew proofing I know about because I had run some tests. That was in my line of activity. I had heard something about flame proofing and so on, but it didn't concern me.

FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER is a salesman for American Chemical Products Company. I did receive some information as to what he was doing in general at American Chemical Paint, but that was not for the Soviet Union, that was for business we expected to establish ourselves.

After the first few months HELLER dropped out. It must have been 1934. We went right to Amtorg office. He remained a Communist sympathizer long after I was. In other words, he didn't lose his sympathy for the Soviet Union until the war started. He knew that I was a Trotskyite and I had no further sympathy for the Soviet Union and we used to have some discussions about it - some arguments.

As closely as I can remember, I think I know what you are referring to and I'll try to answer the question specifically:

Parkerizing
Amtorg wrote a letter to American Chemical Paint wanting to buy a process and it was the old Parkerizing Process on which the patents have expired. It is nothing secret. This letter came to HELLER's attention - of course the company didn't answer it. This thing came to HELLER's attention and he asked if I would get the information to Amtorg that they wanted. I told him I guess it

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Robert E. Holmes, Spec Agt 2.B.1.

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could be arranged. So what I believe happened, was, I'm not absolutely certain of this, but I could probably find out. I believe that I ordered from the Patent Office, a copy of the expired Paco Patent on rustproofing and gave it to him, saying that he could have gotten it for ten cents himself at the time, and gave it to this fellow who was annoying me. At that time it was GEORGE. That was around 1937 or 1938, after I was injured. I believe that I gave him a copy of the patent and told him that this was what Amtorg had requested. This covered the process that Amtorg wanted to get from American Chemical Paint.

When the pressure would become great, it was very simple. I would go to the library, look up some chemical references on something that they might be interested in and write them up. One time they were interested in disinfectants and I had looked up something on the manufacture. That is again, in the nature of consulting work.

We are going to get somebody involved here whom I'm sure is innocent. I hate to tell you this for this reason. I know that at least I'm reasonably sure that I contacted two people actually and I'm reasonably sure that the one I'm going to tell you about now, is innocent of any wrongdoing but I guess he's got to stand on his own. A fellow by the name of Dr. EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORFF, Head of the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania. That was during the time that I saw Dr. SWARTZ. He told me that he wanted me to go to Philadelphia and talk to this Dr. FLOSDORFF, that he had developed a process for freeze drying and he had sold, I believe, some of his equipment to Amtorg and they wanted to know if he would be willing to work with them again. I came to Philadelphia and called Dr. FLOSDORFF at the University - told him I'd like to see him. I told him that I understood that he had sold some equipment to the Soviet Union at one time, some of his experimental equipment, and I wanted to ask him if he would be willing to work with Amtorg again on a consulting basis. My personal opinion is that he was really a consultant and doing a legitimate operation with them. In other words, the reason I hesitated to mention his name before, was that he's not a Soviet spy. I know that. In my own mind I know it and I hate to get people involved but as I say, he'll have to stand on his own. I took the information back that he would, and heard no more about it. I don't know whether he ever did or not, and as far as I was concerned, it was a closed incident. He is at present employed with the Stokes Manufacturing Company, I believe. He wrote a book recently on freeze drying.

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Robert W. Holmes, Capt. 4.R.1.*

... contact ...
There is one other, and only one contact that I ever made ~~with~~^{for} the Soviet Union. This fellow that worked in Wilmington. I don't know his name. I'm not sure whether he worked for Hercules or for DuPont, or where. He worked in Wilmington and they asked me to go to Wilmington to contact him which I refused to do. He asked me if I would go to Wilmington and contact this fellow but I told him no, I couldn't do it. They wanted to get in contact with him again. They had purchased some technical information from him in the past. They wanted me to contact him and said that he was a very nice fellow and probably would have a lot in common. I refused to go to Wilmington so they said well they'd arrange it for him to meet me in Newark, so I met him once in the Newark station of the Pennsylvania Railroad and he, of course, assumed that I was a Soviet Agent. He told me that at the time, Antorg owed him some money and he wanted it before he would give any more information. So I took the message back to ~~Bill~~^{Bill} that he wanted his money. So he took some money out of his pocket and put it in an envelope and said this is all he deserves. I took the money back to him in Newark. I met him again in the Newark station. I told him they said this is all you deserve and this is all you're going to get. He was very much disgusted with this arrangement and I was disgusted myself. Whether it was legitimate or not I don't know. ~~That was before we were in the war, I think, or it might have been during the war.~~
I gave him his money and that was the last I ever saw of him. I don't know how much was there; it was in an envelope. He told me that he would be carrying a copy of a certain magazine, just which one I don't recall, and that he would be wearing a certain color tie and described him in general, that he would be standing in a certain place when you come out from the train. I was to tell him - identify himself by telling him that I was a friend of ~~Bill's~~^{Bill's} I believe.

thin
He was tall, *thin*, hair turning gray, wore glasses. He was about somewhere between 45 and 50, Anglo-Saxon type. I'm pretty sure he was a Chemist. He worked for either Hercules or DuPont. It may have been both. I think he said he worked for one at one time and later he worked for the other. He lived with his sister in Wilmington I believe during the week, and came up here to New Jersey - his wife and family were up here. He had a home here. He made the trip anyway, you see. Not too far from Newark, it might have been Verona, or Mt. Clair.

I was trying to avoid this thing and keep away from it and these people were insisting and putting the pressure on me and I was very much scared of the whole situation from two standpoints. One was that I didn't want to get involved with them and the other was that I didn't want to get involved with you people (FBI), and third angle, was that I had no more sympathy for the Soviet Union.

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Robert W. Holmes, Spe. Agt. 2.B.1.

DOUGHERTY has been a very, very good friend of HARRY GOLD for very many years. They worked at Penn Sugar together. They were considering going into a Consultant business together when they got out of Penn Sugar, but DOUGHERTY is in no way involved in this thing, I'm sure, and the reason I'm sure is that he is very anti-Soviet and he's as good a Catholic as comes. In other words, he's a real believer; he's not one of these people that just believe on the surface; he's religious in nature. I don't believe that he has any connection. I'm absolutely certain of it.

I met DOUGHERTY through HARRY and HARRY never said anything about him except that he was very religious and anti-Soviet and of course, I knew that after talking with him for five minutes.

Ernest Geesman
I've known both of the stockholders in that business for many years. One ERNEST GEESMAN, I had an apartment with him for a long time in Newark. As a matter of fact, he's the fellow that got me the job with National Oil. When he left Nopco, I was planning on leaving before too long myself. He asked me if I wanted to do consulting work for him on a technical nature and I told him absolutely. I worked as a consultant for a period of a few years. During the depression he was a mild sympathizer of the Communist Party but never joined. He never was involved, to the best of my knowledge, with Russia or anything else.

MOLNER
NICHOLAS M. OLDNER, he has a consulting business under that name on East 19th Street and they also have a New York office in fine Organics there. He may have been a mild sympathizer in Hungary before he came to this country. I don't know about that. I have an idea that he was, from little things that were said at various times. He seemed to know what the Communist Movement was all about over there but certainly not in this country. He never took any active part and he's been strictly a chemist and a business man and I don't think he's even mildly sympathetic. I know he isn't.

(Question re FASS) He's about as anti-Communist as they come too.

Thomas L. Black

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The following is a transcript of information given by THOMAS L. BLACK in his interview by Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES at the Philadelphia Office on June 15, 1950:

In about the latter part of 1933 or early 1934, a friend of mine, FERDINAND P. HELLER, and myself, decided that we wanted to go to the Soviet Union to work as Chemists. We went to the Office of the Amtorg Trading Company on Fifth Avenue, where we contacted Mr. G. OVAKIMIAN. I believe he was the head of the Petroleum Division. He said that he thought it could be arranged but that first, he wanted to see samples of the kind of work we could do. He gave us several specific questions that he wanted the answers to. They were concerned primarily with the type of work we were doing at the time, that is, preparation of emulsifiers for mineral oil, etc. The answers to these problems were given to him in subsequent meetings, first at the offices of Amtorg, and later in restaurants where we met him by pre-arranged telephone appointment. (HELLER and I). Later HELLER became disinterested in going to the Soviet Union and dropped entirely out of the picture.

OVAKIMIAN suggested that until it could be arranged for me to go to the Soviet Union, that I work for Amtorg on Consulting basis. I told him that this would be satisfactory and he suggested a matter of payment for my work. Also, at that time, I was a member of the Communist Party and he pointed out to me that as a Communist, it was not my business to go to the Soviet Union but to further the cause of Communism here in this country.

He had given me specific assignments and he offered payment, which I refused because my object was not to work as a Consultant here, but rather, to go to the Soviet Union to live. Later he suggested that I should meet a friend of his instead of he, himself, because he was too busy with his regular work. This fellow's name, the name that was given to me, was PAUL PETERSON.

(Question by Mr. WELTE. Answer: I told HARRY GOLD that HELLER and I planned to go to the Soviet Union and since jobs were very scarce, he thought he might like to go too. I introduced him, GOLD, to either OVAKIMIAN or PETERSON, I don't remember which. PAUL PETERSON - I would remember that name forever. I'll tell you why I would remember him - that was the only fellow, other than OVAKIMIAN, that had a last name that I had any dealings with. The rest were BILL, TOM, GEORGE, etc. Never met PAUL SMITH. That was the only time that I ever met a representative of the Soviet Union in the presence of HARRY GOLD. It is my opinion that he may have made his original contact with the Soviet Espionage system at that time because it later occurred to me that PETERSON was not a bona fide employee of the Soviet Union but rather a Soviet Espionage agent. When I introduced him to PETERSON, I believe that they made an appointment later.)

Thomas L. Black

*Other exception - Dr Robert Schwartz
Witnesses P. Welte Jr, J. G. B.
Robert W. Holmes*

PETERSON met me several times in New York City and we had dinner together (1934 and 1935) - each time a different place but always a big restaurant, an expensive place. He would call me and tell me where. At these meetings I gave him technical information to specific problems which he had requested the answers to on our previous engagement, and I was under the impression that in the beginning, that this was purely on a consulting basis and that I refused payment because my principal objective was to demonstrate my value to the Soviet Union as a technical man.

At one of these meetings I asked PETERSON why arrangements were not being made for me to go to the Soviet Union. He told me that I could be of far more use to the Soviet Union in this country and that I would probably not be sent. That was, I believe that it was in late 1934 or early 1935. Now I'm not absolutely positive of the date. This was the first indication that I had that I was dealing not with a legitimate but rather dealing with an Espionage Agent. I told him that I was considerably disappointed with this arrangement and he said that I would be well paid for the job. I told him that I had a salary which was adequate to my needs and that I did not need money - did not want money. Thereafter, he suggested that payment could be made in another way, through gifts of laboratory equipment, instruments, technical books, etc. I accepted a few technical books from him as gifts but I still insisted that I did not want to become involved with espionage. He told me this was not espionage but consulting work and he continued to make appointments with me at about one month intervals, for a period of another year or so.

He asked me if I would be willing to contact certain people for him and receive from them, packages which I would transmit to him. This I refused to do at one of our meetings, it possibly was 1935. This I refused to do, at which point he made a veiled threat. I don't know just how I can reword it after all this time, but he said that in the Soviet Union they had a way of dealing with traitors. At that point I knew quite definitely that this was what I had suspected previously, was true, namely, that I was dealing with an espionage agent. At each of our subsequent meetings, the pressure was put on me - the threats were repeated - always by PETERSON. I was naturally quite worried that I had become involved in a thing of this kind, so I thought that the best procedure to follow was to not show him and not to give him the answers to his questions and so on.

First, it was working out specific problems - later he wanted to make me a courier. That was the idea because these problems were phonies, as I look back - it was something that anybody could have told him. This was bait. No question in my mind about that now. They were really quite trivial problems.

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I failed to keep several appointments with him and after this period I didn't work on any of his problems but I told him that they are problems that I couldn't solve. He became very angry at my attitude and the threats became very open. By this time I had dropped out of membership in the Communist Party and the chief object in my personal life was to avoid all contacts with Communists, Soviet Agents, etc., although I still retained an emotional attachment to Communist ideals. This attachment was definitely broken once and for all at the time of the first Moscow Trials. After the second Moscow Trials were over, I decided to join which I believed the only group in the country which were maintaining interest in socialism and yet fighting the Soviet system, the Trotskyites. That was about late 1936 or 1937. You can place that almost exactly at the time of the second Moscow Trials.

I joined the Socialist Party, of which the Trotskyites were then a part, in Newark, New Jersey. It was about 1937 I guess - the dates are confused. I told PETERSON that I had joined the Trotskyites and he was extremely angry on receiving this information. However, in a few weeks he called me on the phone and told me that he wanted to see me and that I'd better be there - another veiled threat, I don't recall exactly how he said it. He told me at this meeting that I could be of more value to the Soviet Union inside the Trotskyist Movement than in the technical work which he had previously had me engaged in. He tried to get information concerning names, addresses, etc. of the members of the Trotskyist Movement, which later became the Socialist Workers Party. In order to pacify him, I gave him a list of names, addresses, etc. of people - everyone of them was incorrect. The reason I followed this procedure was that I wanted to discourage him without arousing his antagonism, because I actually was afraid of what he would do to me physically.

At one of these meetings, he told me that he was going to leave the country and that he would arrange me to meet one of his men. I believe the name was GEORGE, no last name given. This was, I believe, early in 1938 although I can't be sure. He introduced me to GEORGE in a restaurant in New York City. I can't give you a very accurate description but I'll try.

PAUL PETERSON was a short man, swarthy complexion, hair starting to gray slightly. I can't be sure whether he had a bald spot or not. Slavic in appearance. I would say that he was shorter than I, around 5'5" and I would say that he probably weighed 180 or 190, sloppy peasant type, broad face. I might mention parenthetically, I believe that he was here under a Swedish passport. The reason I think so is that he mentioned one time that he was a Swede and I know damn well he wasn't. I would judge PETERSON to be about 45 at the time.

no glasses or mustache

may have had thick eyebrows

but questions rather naive

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these were made checked
called Peterson & others found ...

not a friend of Trotsky
very active

GEORGE was a younger fellow, probably 35. He was about almost 6', thin, very slight build, couldn't have weighed much more than 150 or 160, blond hair, yellowish blond, light blue eyes, probably German. That's what I would guess - a Nordic type definitely. He spoke with quite an accent. I would judge it to be a German, although I'm not a good judge of those things.

GEORGE's only interest was to obtain information concerning Trotskyist activities. This information I always side-stepped.

On March 10, 1938 I had a bad accident at work - ether explosion - and I was in a hospital for about five months. HARRY GOLD came to see me in the hospital. I thought that he might be in contact with somebody as they apparently made the same arrangement with him on a consulting basis and I believe he mentioned that GEORGE or somebody, wanted to know where I was as he wanted to see me. When I was released from the hospital - oh, I might mention at this point that somebody came to see me at the hospital - a fellow who gave his name as Dr. SWARTZ and he probably was an M.D., at least he got through the hospital authorities anyway. The fellow that I had never seen before, and he told me that he was a friend of GEORGE's and that he wanted to see how I was and I told him I was all right and he asked if I needed any money and I told him no. This same fellow contacted me when I was released from the hospital.

I had a phone call from GEORGE but I didn't see GEORGE anymore. He made an appointment and Dr. SWARTZ kept it. Dr. SWARTZ was a heavy, middle aged man, very good natured, probably he was an M.D. One time when he was paying a restaurant check I saw in his wallet a receipt which said Soviet employee something or other. He probably was an Amtorg employee, and I have reason to believe that he was in some way connected with the Soviet Red Cross or something, because he asked me some specific problems about medicinal products and so on. Dr. SWARTZ was interested in seeing that I recovered in the speediest possible time so under his influence I consulted a Dermatologist, one that I picked myself, to see if they couldn't speed up the process of healing. It turned out later that the reason he wanted to speed up the healing of my injury, was that he wanted me to go to Mexico City, where LEON TROTSKY was then residing. He told me of these plans at the next meeting, that I was to go to Mexico City and ingratiate myself with the TROTSKY family and sympathizers that were there and be his agent there. This I also refused to do. I told him that it was not possible or practical because I still needed considerable physiotherapy before I would regain the use of my left arm. He offered me any amount of money that I might think necessary for my personal needs plus all

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expenses. He said that the most important thing that the employees of the Soviet Union had to do at that time, was to get information on what was going on inside the TROTSKY household and that he felt that I was the type who would best get that information for him.

(Q. by Mr. Walte. Answer: I was a member of the Socialist Workers Party at this time. I believe JONES (Party name). Everybody I knew, knew me as TOM. As a matter of fact most of the Party members knew my right name.)

Finally I recovered and went back to work at my old job in January. I think it was 1939, and I saw very little of SWARTZ from then on.

When I was laid up at home he used to come around to my house. There wasn't much I could do about that.

The next important thing was that LEON TROTSKY was assassinated and I saw SWARTZ once after that, so I asked him what the hell was the idea, and he said he didn't know anything about it and I told him that I doubted very much, so he said, well, these things are necessary politically, you understand. I told him no, I didn't think it was necessary politically. He said, "What are you worried about it?" Very cold-blooded about the whole thing. He said, "We're not dependent on any one man. We don't need you," and so on. Of course after this, I was more scared of these people than ever because I had any number of these veiled threats and some quite direct threats from them.

I didn't see anything of SWARTZ after that but someone called me on the phone after that and made an appointment to see me and said that he was a friend of Dr. SWARTZ, so I knew immediately what it was all about. That was after the murder of TROTSKY. This fellow called himself JOHN. He was a thin fellow and about 5'7", slightly shorter than I am, probably was in his early thirties. I would say under 35. I can't identify nationalities very well, but I would say that he was somewhat of a Slavic type, although not completely either. He was rather thin and most Slavs you know, are broad faced. He had black hair, deep brown eyes, very dark complexion. He saw me a few times and wanted me to work for him. That was definitely after the death of TROTSKY and I was back at work. JOHN wanted more information about what was going on inside the Trotskyist Movement and by that time, I decided that I was going to drop out of the Trotskyist Party and try to keep from getting involved any further with these fellows.

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Robert W. Holmes, Spec. Agt. FBI*

*Bill is incorrect
name is JACK*

So I met JOHN two times I believe, two or three at the most, and then he said he was going to arrange for me to meet a friend of his. This friend used the name of, I don't remember. It was BILL, I believe. This fellow, BILL, was a Czechoslovakian. I'm not even sure of that name. That was about 1940. This fellow was a Czechoslovakian, I know because he told me. He was under forty. He was moderately heavy, not fat, but just solidly built, and about 5'8" I would say. He had one peculiarity - he had a very great interest in shoes. The reason I happened to know that, he told me that as a child in Czechoslovakia he had no shoes and now his weakness was shoes. He couldn't pass a shoe store without looking and he generally bought. He probably collected a lot of shoes. He didn't make any secret of the fact to me that he was a Soviet espionage agent and didn't have to actually, because of the way I come to meet him and I knew.

Jack
BILL, or whatever his name was, said that we should forget about the Trotskyists and that the Soviet Union was in greater danger and the Trotskyists were no problem, and that he wanted me for more serious business. He told me that I should go to the KELLEX COMPANY, I believe that was the name. It was a subsidiary of KELLOG, the Engineering outfit in New York. That I should go to KELLEX and apply for a job, that there was something going on there that they wanted to know more about. This was in New York City. It may have been 1941 or 1942. I believe it was before that. I can't place the date definitely. The only way I can remember these dates is by association with something else, but I heard later, that they were concerned with the Manhattan Project. He didn't tell me what was going on there. He told me the address that I should apply to. Again I refused to go, but I didn't tell him so directly, and got rid of him. I had no idea what it was all about. I had no idea of the Manhattan Project until I read it in the newspapers. He wanted to get me a job at KELLEX. I told him that I had applied for a job and had been rejected. Actually, I did not apply. Then he asked me if I would work again on a consultant basis for him and I told him that that depended entirely on what he wanted to know. By this time the Soviet agents were pretty much disgusted with my lack of cooperation and I didn't hear any more from them for a period of a year or so.

When he contacted me again, he did it by telephone and he told me that he wanted to know how penicillin was manufactured. I told him that I had no definite information but that I could tell him in general how penicillin was manufactured and the type of micro-organism that was used. I wrote him a report on the methods used in penicillin manufacture at that time. This con-

* I think that I told him I had applied for a job with Kellex, and been rejected.

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cerned both the surface growth method and the submerged growth method, which is used currently, although I had practically no specific information. He asked me to obtain a culture of the organism which was used, *Penicillium notatum* which I obtained for him from the American Type Culture Collection, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. I obtained this culture ~~form~~ *for him* and I gave him detailed instructions as to how it should be cared for, the type of culture media to be used in transplanting, etc.

On a subsequent visit he told me that the culture had been sent to the Soviet Union and had arrived safely. At this time, we were already involved in the war and he didn't bother me for a period of a few years. He's the last man I ever saw. He's still in this country too.

Jack
I didn't hear any further from *Bill* until a few years after the war was over. I think it was about 1948. One time when I was out, a phone call came to the BERG LABORATORIES for me and the story was that a Mr. WATKINS, who had met me in England, wanted to see me. WATKINS didn't mean anything to me and he had probably assumed that I was in the Service and I had been in England. So this WATKINS character called back a week or so later and I was in at the time and I recognized his accent as being *Bill*. So I made an appointment to see him in New York.

We met in front of Macy's Department Store and he said that he wanted to re-establish the contact with me which had been lost and he wanted me to do some work for the Soviet Union. I told him that I was not in a position to do any work for the Soviet Union, so he said well, another reason he wanted to establish the contact with me, sometimes people's sympathies change and he wanted to know if I was politically o.k. and I told him I haven't been politically o.k. from your standpoint for many years. He wanted to know if I wanted to work for him. I told him again, that it depended upon the nature of the work. If you want bona fide consultant work you can have Amtorg contact me but if you want espionage work I'm not your man. I didn't hear anything further from *Bill* until the Monday morning preceding HARRY GOLD's arrest. At that time, a Mr. WATKINS called again and I was not in the Laboratory at the time so I didn't take the call. WALTER ALKUS, Superintendent, told me that a Mr. WATKINS or a Mrs. WATKINS, I can't be sure which now, but in any event, that WATKINS had called. This was Monday that Mr. WATKINS had called and wanted to see me. I didn't hear anything further from WATKINS since then.

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Robert W. Holmes Spec. Agt. FBI

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WRW

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Jack

last row Jack in front of

Macy - May or June 1948

my

in 1945 furnished facts, info, orbital
and scorbis — and specimens
bacteria which will produce scorbis

orbital is base of ascorbic acid (Vitamin)

this culture was also discovered from
American Tiger Culture ^{William} ~~for~~
giving experiment ~~to~~ gave his
specimens to Russian who was
still developing the

Disinfectants

gave to Vass Peterov
early in 1945

worked on same for Tiger Culture but
this is now on to give to Peterov

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WRW
RWH

Travel

In 1939 went to New Castle Del for N.O.P.C.O. to
a Reg. Co. - went out N.O.P.C.O.

business -
also went to Wash, D.C. to see

Mr Charles Condo regarding subbedding
plants from pedigrees -

Reviews of N.O.P.C.O. - sent him some
there to handle N.O.P.C.O.
business

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Wm.
ReidReportJoseph Brodsky

about 1941 was living in Philadelphia - believe still here - one day H. G. appeared in Newark at Bl apt - H. G. took Penn Syar. Gold had Joseph Brodsky with him - Gold suggested Brod take a shower - Gold said Brod was Y.C. and fellow student at Adelphi was interested in helping S. U. R. in U.S., father took him to Russia & back to U.S. Gold asked Black to look him over - this was before Gold introduced to her Sam Sup -

wrote a report that Brod was not good material to make an agent Brod knew why he was there - Brod

hurry from the woman Black disapproved of her -

several years ago Black asked Gold what happened to Joe Brodsky - Gold said that he was active in some movement - union - did not say if any of circles - married and several children -

do not believe he saw Petersen in that way -

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UPW
RWID

Contract

Joe Brodsky

about 1944 photo of Jack Reun

believed ident with

Joe Brodsky — cannot say

for sure

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WPA
RWD

Contact

1. introduced through I-H-C - to Petersen
were arrangement to meet
introduced

then Petersen wanted more contacts
— knew no more —

then ~~Carl~~ Petersen wanted him to
get another job — report on this
angle continually —

Petersen wanted to set him up in business
as a blind for espionage — agreed to
set up in any field — offered
actors (of cash (1935))

Bell during 34/

Heller

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new
PUSH

Heller turned over in 37-38 - Parker patents

~~Black~~ Black to Peterson -

Heller + Black discussed other ACP patents but
not given to Peterson.

Saw Heller last night - once a week when in
this country

Heller stopped in on returning from Italy - stopped
in to see if I was involved - no
special reason to be involved -

claimed Heller furnished info so that we could
go into business - checked -

Heller + Black did not see each other much
between 34 to 38 - after out of hospital -

Heller is highly neurotic - great lover -
Heller thought he was trying to steal her
girl friend -

Heller never asked if I told his Russian
contacts - speaks -

2) ~~Spent~~ ^{to C.O. when} ~~incident~~
to Heller that he could get
it to Russian contacts -

never substantiated being asked to handle in
Heller - told him that he was
highly neurotic

"brothers" - term used to designate
cover agents - common use

Some of ~~used~~ ^{used} ~~of~~ ^{of} "cameras" plants & members and
"brothers" cover agents

Ultra violet

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Wm
Peters

Suitcase

after finished -

checked in Penna Station
gave Peterson to study

has ultra violet light & transformer somewhere
in storage
used in scientific work

Johnston
Curtis

Caltech -

microscope

camera

for Br. studies

part of Thomas

hope to process

ultra violet oils

leather oils

any thing more

Peterson offered to set up

part of car

William Stabler

NOPL

can contact corner

On 34-35 ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~up~~ ^{up} with ultra-violet light —
Pellid told Peterson — ~~was~~ ^{was} ultra violet light — Peterson told about it — wanted
me — wanted at set up in form of
suit case — B knew Peterson was
enquiring agent by then —

Someone wanted me to get out of C. P. & Pellid
instructed me to drop from party —
studied Russian for 3 months at Workers
School in New York — 1933-34

Pellid told me not to ~~see~~ ^{see} ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~again~~ ^{again}
not to see each other again

Photo album — Alti Case

Born Trotskyite in 1941 — born by accident in
political parties in general — now
thinking of ~~going to~~ ^{going to} ~~Right~~ ^{Right} — decided to
work out his own economic interests —
planned to go in business for self —

Maintains that political opinions have changed

- liberal 1930
- comm 1931
- trotsky 1937
- liberal 1941

6-16-50

Camera Jack took camera say it wasn't B's property. B wanted it back. In 42-43 Jack called B @ home made appt @ a child's. But Jack appeared @ Camera & told it wasn't discussion re possible jobs.

Meets

Jack & consecutive meets arranged at 1 time in progression. i.e. 1st 7th Ave & 17th St 7 PM 2nd 8th & 18th at 8 PM 3rd 9th & 19th @ 9 PM. Not necessary to phone. When B saw Jack coming he'd start walkg. Jack would specify place - he usually used Childs on 45th, no writing of instructions etc. Material passed in rest. folded in newspaper. Tom would put down, Jack pick it up on leaving. On street, simply hand it over. Tom never told to watch for tail, but to leave if suspicious. Met Jack every 3 weeks or so 41 to 45. Very trivial stuff. I names of Trats asked, Tom would give names people who

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had already exposed relives as func-
tionaries. Repts re phony applica-
tions for jobs. next time tell him
not to lie. Jack couldn't understand
why. Admits loss of 20-50 mpts
with Jack in 7 yrs betw. '42 & '45.
Claims except for above, nothing
given. Threaten, plead, coax, seem
to cooperate. 2 cultures, 1 of penicillin
inoculation, one of ⁴⁴subore. Later a
process Tom hadn't tried & didn't know
if it would work.

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June 7 Ferdinand Heller
109 W. Chest Ave

Hubertus Piny Co

Col. + 12th St. Jan. City

told Heller going to leave - Heller
told me about being good

Town. Went to H.G. to buy, took H.G.
 in & introduced. H.G. works in
 for Holbrook then sold to Penn. Paper
 made & sent all rest to me.

[illegible]

ret'd. P. Co. family anti-slavery.
 Finally went to leave G. & T. Pass.
 G. was in very delicate health -
 died.

Q3. Where did you go to school?
 Several places. I went to -
 Give. Child's Creation (Opt. of Parental)
 S-S. On 1st then 77. I kept at
 after. I went to Ph. I went to
 days & hours. I went to
 G. told Ph. to be near family.

Law G once again... stayed
 short visits. G had played stayed
 @ N.Y. apt. Didn't see him while @
 Travel. B. hesitant re visits
 G once planned go to of him. Could I
 get credit for Travel... Kennell
 Department through... for
 X-ray.

54-55. B knew of name of G's contacts
 write purely visible. B at H.D. there G,
 M.D. only personal friend of G...
 mentioned. B at H.D. @ H.G. @ Chem
 corner N.Y.

B saw H.G. on return from X-ray
 planned H.G. to see him... H.G.
 came to N.Y. to see him... Took a job
 job. Didn't want to return...
 but did. Called Ron... couple times.

B came Ph about 45. B left H.D. to
 become consultant. H.D. couple
 clients: H.G. & H.D. but... B. had
 consulting work. There...
 had... B. was...
 (C. J. Thomas)

... B went to...
 H.G. M.D. & H.G. planning...
 plan... @...
 H.G. knew B. was...
 B. knew B. was...
 no reaction from H.G. B. was...
 up to B. L. prob. C.P. results...
 mask... On...
 2 young kids who were...
 B. thought all were C.P. B. was int

on remarks which have been made
to former CP Lake Co. Release Br. A
last but, Boston, London,
Chinese last late (11:10 AM)

Chinese wanted to go back to prison
took Chinese up to 5th St. H.C. that
it stopped

B says he heard from paper
about H.C. went to H.C. H.C.
never told him. B never knew of
Boston trip. H.C. (in letter dated)
Jan '45. B asked H.C. for full
run at time. Called & visited H.C.
D Pa. big lab. Two times in
'45. B called H.C. & found him out of
town. Told B about where to find
inquire. Told B about M.D. who he
was. (Not answered how did he
know H.C. out of town.)

Can't recall H.C. trip in
'45. B very busy. Clothing
FO document. Bery Chenbending.

B never heard of H.C. in '45.

'47 H.C. asked B to do work.

sample @ Police & Hake & took to
Br's office. B was considered at 9
for Br. but Br was in poor health
condition. H.C. was H.C. was at
H.C. was at H.C. for H.C. was
traveling to & from H.C. - PH

Br very old. Told B about
his deal. Could q. Keep character
at big holding with hope. Br. never
in H.C. & end. matter. Poor condition
H.C. B doesn't want to be

operation, there was a
 last 2 who of the 10 days
 and who R asked how they
 were, Grand O.K. When G
 said he was contact in an
 FBI was looking for, I
 agreed to look at him. I was
 I was 15 suspect in a case of that
 because H.G. was a very close
 friend he didn't go to H.G. to see
 someone, he was not a very close
 why he was all stripes. H.G.
 H.G. was in Albany, New York
 H.G. called him in the middle of the
 afternoon. He said H.G. was
 exploded. Call the state after
 noon or early evening. H.G.
 said he needed money. Was
 in Albany, New York. I had
 him to telegraph money. I
 short him up. I wanted to know
 it wasn't nothing. He said H.G.
 was not a very close friend
 knew how to have H.G. at money.
 I was not a very close friend.
 arranged about. H.G. didn't
 anticipate arrest but did a trip to
 see a doctor over a sleep
 pills. He already had a
 house. I would take them
 things. 1. When Sarah Hopper
 left for Lancaster. 2. When
 I called at a certain apt for
 key to get radio. B. Dish
 went too much contact with H.G.

B told H.G. he could be contacted thru Franklin Park if necessary. Probably ran into H.G. several times! Eugene P. Smalley has also met B there by arrangement. B asks question: Is Lincolnton couple initial? Some things may be embarrassing to B personally. People try to get in touch with B @ F.P. B has developed drying coat for use in paint. Berg much tries to claim interest in it. No mystery about B's meets at F.P. Smalley was with Newport interests. B tried to sell paint dryer to him. B has told many people to contact him there. Space is Lincolnton business. Jack Frank. B used to be an insurance sales. Still does. Plans to leave Berg. movements many seem mysterious but they aren't. B. arranged at Franklin Park to catch up on B's activities. B. told me he knew he had responsibility as citizen and fell down on it. He now says, H.G. was old friend.

In 1932-34 - wanted to go to S.C. to live - Benjamin P. Heller was with him in this idea - went with him to Ontario saw G. Oakeshott - asked chance young Heller - indicated chance for chemist was good - met him several times and

office of Anthony ^{Stace} — J. D. to make arrangements
 with his club — and he wanted to
 know if profitable for S. U. to go to expense
 of sending them — wanted samples of
 work — met at irregular intervals —
 called office of Anthony — made eggs to —
 would meet in restaurant (expended
 1934-35) — regard samples — gave
 specific problem — F. H. & J. would
 work and give him results — later
 he suggested this be done on fee basis — not
 paid to S. U. but do work in U. S. for S. U.
 on fee basis — F. H. decided that if didn't
 want to go to S. U. and drop out

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GWH

Ind Esp

10-5

furnished with processes and NOPCO
sulfonated oils
lignite specialties
other oils

info - given + samples of same furnished
very early period - Owskenian - gave
this to show his interest to Russia -
continued only with Owskenian - tried
to write and proposed exp - to day - gave
notes to Owskenian (1931) gave everything
available to him NOPCO -



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PEOP
W

contacts
with Jack

Too we revealed time to get job
with different jobs — I would say
in many cases, I appeared
was rejected

Schwartz going to Mexico

Meet
Techniques

wanted to get to work - get employment
first household

met

when meet together - would meet
2 go down street - apparently would
get go ahead signal then O.K.
would handle because - all were
very cautious - fight Overkman
he was never even prompt -

John - Sam
in A & B's dict

if name as H & B handled - if correct
Black would use ~~same~~ different
name -

I was previously instructed to
use different names with different
contacts -

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Revised

WAW

Camera

Chemical lab to bacteriological lab

Petersen offered to buy five microscopes

— answered —

— refused to accept it

tech prof. Eastman Kodak — just wanted

me to get a job there — not make

contacts there

around
1936

also Weyland Co —

Wentworth Co

Consolidated Co — (Kellogg Co)

Reports

much information was given orally -

submit written reports (long hand)

Petersen wanted me to give her a typewriter
I suggest buy one
bought one later -

give her specimen of key board

guthrie type - give out - she cannot
use for the work
(bkt for this reason)

Camera - 6 boxes

Contas camera - Petróleo 1935

but I tryed

would get from contacts - also

given model 3 \square tradition + last model 2)

phototypes 3 bibliographies on pencils

available on request. There was

~~not a copy of the original~~

Jack took camera back to me ¹⁹⁴²~~1945~~ - came
to house in Newark - angry because he
had exchanged camera - ~~the~~ wanted
camera because people think he had camera

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Reid

md

Reid

Jack suggested that he had car —

afraid to drive — told Jack never to

drivers license — secured a license

was nervous to drive car —

Jack offered to pay for car — Jack paid for part of it

J

SW
assignment
in 1937

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TWA
WHL

Pederson gave names
Jack Weber — Trot party needs
party names — wanted info
on him & wife Sarah Weber and
3rd person (female) name not recalled —
all members of Sov Party Trot active in
movement —
(not SPKP members but sympathizers)

particularly of Webers — Sarah Weber had
been Trotsky in Turkey (was there) — lived
in Trot household — (6 months)
1st find out correct names

Jack Weber had research job &
important work on Trot movement.
Sarah was with Cogan and Smith
Trot as his secretary —
second time his secretary used
name of Sarah Levin
2nd find out where they lived

(this was after Peterson found
out location in Sov Party)

could not find out who Weber was or
where lived

Sarah Levin to go to live again for Trot
(about 6 years or more after internal movement)
she asked Tom Black to live with Jack
Weber while she was gone — after Jack
died & takes care of city — Jack drove
to his home bringing her, M.S. — Tom
broke out — killed wife and never gave
info to Peterson —
Sarah Weber — correct name Tom

Harsh Jacobs - research engineer for
Thomas Edison in Orange, N.J. - lost
job - Peterson gave him hell and
then told Tom how easy it would
have been to find a job.

There were only people interested in
the Newark branch -

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WRW

Trot

inform in general in general

name & address of all members

person thing who was close to Leon Trotsky

generally not interested in large groups

interested in people interested

in 4th International

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PROB
WBU

Trot activity

House "Lenin to Trotsky" — photo in N.Y.C. —
after that S.W.P. wanted to buy it — C. brought
it & destroyed it — but from Max Eastman —
— present times has Trot photo in his
possession — late photo of Trot — also
slides of Trot life — S.U. would
buy them — retained — storing them —
S.U. will not get them — S.W.P. had them
for money — retained them — if wanted
to gain favor — could have turned
over to S.U. — never been asked to get
them by S.W.P. —

submitted further copy of history — retained
— ~~submitted further copy of history — retained~~
C O

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PLH

WRW

Trot

give fantastic story of party young
underground scene

Told Jack of how Trot
gave interested to
give fiction

being found out
were discussed with Helen being discussed

in 1939 learned of Chambers at Trotsky's
conventions - felt might be disclosed -
- told Gold - go to Soviet Union -

never been in Pittsburgh

and then when came to Paris - went
to keep contact with C, CS & Trotskyites

believed in Trotskyite movement - later broke
had many personal friends with it.

Poland Kapp - grad of Columbia, passed vet. "A"
worked for WOPC ^{for Roosevelt} 1st. Campbell also
of WOPC

indicated his friendships with White
Chambers -

1933
he knew I was a C but not
with Soviet Agent - told him
to tell her friend that Black
was member of party & wanted
to go to U.S.

felt Kapp ^{had been} involved with Chambers

CP MEMBERSHIP

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Revlt
Wm

how joined party

joined ref - was presented - went in
and said wanted to be a member
5th floor - 15 St St -
inquired Worker's Workshop - first floor -
filled out application card -
address in Jersey City -

(used same technique in joining
Trot - direct approach)
2 weeks passed
name may be either Toni or Tasso

(changed name in C. Lewis
Elizabeth, N.Y. - couldn't
find Tasso - (Status
just)

girl came to house - talked with him
seemed to doubt - questioned
background

assigned to Unit 2 B - NYC - Rivera
greatly protected - sent back to Jersey City

Contact

Harry Gold

introduction of Harry Gold was only thing done
to develop contact for them

Peterson told to join American Chemical
Society, — never joined

Cal Tech

In 1934-35 wanted me to go Cal. Inst. Tech.

study as long as wanted — do degree

H. G. told that they wanted him to go on —

during vacations H. G. told that they

were paying for his education —

They had given H. G. a contact there —

tutor at M. I. T. — tutored Russian

students there — not man was at

airplane factory near Cincinnati —

that man was refused to turn over

information — that man was being

sent to Cincinnati — contact

refused to come over — H. G. to

pressure this — they told H. G. they

would provide funds but didn't do it —

told him then to get a job

Tutored

interview

65-4582
Cox
WHL

Always referred to as Tom Black — called at
home — 6-15

Stapler

Wilmington contact

work he worked for Hercules
powder. Got some sample of
pure rock. Had been with
Deport. 1st name William?
Last name may have begun
with S. Chemist but not
working at it. On road as
technical man. Wife owns
house out with no floor —
Verona ^{owned} — turned during up
with sister in Wilmington.
Friend of Tech librarian at
Hercules.

Tall, grey hair, glasses
thin features, past 45 in 1944
or 46. After work was with
hopes.

One contact at Wilmington

abietic acid when a pair of rosin acids

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Info on Stapler

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(2211)
(W)

William W Stapler
Naval Stores Department

5'10", 149, brown hair
brown hair, glasses
brn - 11/11/89, Wilmington, Del

married 1 son

father - William Webb Stapler
brn Wilmington, Del

mother - Emma Anne Stapler
brn Harmonyville, Pa

wife Edith May Stapler
Pompton, N. J.

Ethel M Stapler
Riversdale, Morris Co, N. J.

— weekdays 602 Springer St

(After returning
this room on William's trip)

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Bill
wasContactHecker

1945 -

Jack - introduced me to William S.

W. S. knew Jack by some other name -

W. S. griped to Jack about not being paid
for my presencenext time saw Jack - Jack gave
money in envelope -I met Bill in Penn Station, New York, N.Y.
and met me again there -on 2nd visit - Bill S. was given envelope
containing money -3rd visit - gave Black Tech publication
of Hecker - also sample of
abstracts sentarrangements to contact Bill were to
call at home - I used name
George - wife knew him
similar to furnishing info -
wife also knew name of George
wife name not knownper S.H. name
name of George

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RWD
W

Bill S. in Wilmington every week - would
call his home & tell wife. Jerry wanted to
visit him.

employed in electrical power department
as auto in sales service department -

with Hercules & found with
DePant -

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DWK
WW

Identified photo of ^{Joseph} Jack Katz as
being Jack

Jack Ovakimian

Seven Seven

has seen but cannot
point name
me and Jerry but
later and cannot recall

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Meeting with Agents

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Deloitte
and

Paul Peterson

discrepancy

would meet in expensive restaurants - always paid
checks -

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Vell
Wid

Contacts

with Howard
used name of
"George Williams"

was paid \$5. by P. Schwartz & come to
see R. H. H. - paid in cash and
had to give Receipt -

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Rec'd
Wm

Trotskyite

on one branch in New York 20 members - ^{Tom Jones}
joined with ^{Tom Jones} but used name Tom
Black since these people were intimate friends -
felt Trotskyite not subversive since had no relations
with foreign gov't and hence no need to
conceal identity - advantage whether of you that
in a different way

Prison - tried to see every couple weeks -
telephone call - arranged place or had a
for arranged place in prison and not
show up at first - tried to avoid it
as much as possible - I would see
them about once in 3 or 5 weeks when
felt it could not be avoided -

after they receive info that was not true at first -
wanted to get into high party sections -
refused and never became more than ordinary
party member - joined our way to
Cincinnati in 1937 - Smith did not
pay - with position - was not
one time branch treasurer - not
interested as in that position on a local
level - wanted info on higher level -
made 4 years claim was ^{part of}
of value -

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RWH
Wm

Gold

Always told us that he laid down
his own pocket and saw later
regarding

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WMA
wa

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5:10 PM

WJC

Admitted he was involved in espionage
activities insofar as he related to Holmes & Galt
but was not ~~not~~ engaged in espionage
Could answer ~~that~~ ^{that} in telling the truth
(Holmes & Galt)

[Quinnell + Mitchell present]

[]

Brothman

Goldman to see Bl apt - G. had
many offers in making equipment -
want apt to meet Brothman in
Broth office not quite enough - refused -
Knew Harry was Eng apt - did not want
to get mixed up -
found out later Broth offer in
mixed up.

G - told Bl about G. and contact
contact (billions of dollars who could
mysteriously make 7 million to) Gold suggested
Bl to name to his superior to take
over Broth of Gold drafted -
Black refused - subsequently learned it
was Brothman

apparently for G's superior
was willing for Bl to take over -

did not want to discuss his dealings
with H.C. - H.C. - often wanted to
confide in Bl - Black refused to
~~discuss those matters~~ Black tried
to evade it

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PWH
W

Had gone over to Brothman's to help Gold
on several occasions.

[H.G. told Bl (Capt. G.I. investigator)
Brothman assumed some knew that
that Bl was something of a agent —
B.H.G. told Bl that Brothman learned
Gold agent's association with Bl —
Bl told Brothman that in disclosure
before G.I.]

Vera Kane

ask F.R. —

every thing started in the apartment
the type run by NOPCO report
until Quarles took his notes

she knows about Trot activities
+ Dr Schwartz. — Mexico City

known activities

before activities noted
1944 — she advised
him to go to F.B.I.

6/15/50

Thomas L Black

1929 N 6th St

Sid Weller & Holmes

(S. Weller & Holmes)

100 N 6th St

St

100 N 6th St

FD 26 - consent to search

Voluntary on 1827 N 6th

File No. 65-4332-1B-1(T)

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 15, 1950

I, Thomas L. Black, having been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, hereby authorize

Jack Gallivan, and
Edmund Pett, Special Agents of

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to conduct a complete search ^{file, laboratory and desk} of my ~~residence~~ located at

second floor front of Charles W. Berg John Jones, 1827 10 5th St
Phila., Pa.

These Agents are authorized by me to take from my residence any letters, papers, materials or other property which they may desire.

This written permission is being given by me to the above named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

(SIGNED)

Thomas L. Black

WITNESSES:

William B. Welfy, Special Agent, F. B. I.
Robert W. Holmes, Special Agent F. B. I.

Date Received

6/16/50

From SA E. A. Pitt

(Name of Contributor)

Phila. FBI.

(Address of Contributor)

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()

No (X)

Description:

Notes of search by E. A. Pitt of
Black's Lat. at Chas. Beck Laboratory

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1827 N. 5th St.
Phila.

Chemical Laboratory

1827 (N. 1118) Sept. 16/50

8. 1947-48 Technical Manual & Year Book
of American Assoc. of Textile Chemists
& Colorists on page 414 name

Richard E. Rietow 3804

Pleasant Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

Chemical Engineer, Johnson Chemical

Works, 1510 Camden Rd.

marked with red pencil

in alphabetical list of members.

6/16/57

2nd exam from 7p -

* I can write down formula

3rd Dec

A. Patent Office

4th Decr

In leather coat pocket folded & secured

[illegible]

4th Grade -

#7 Cond. or fresh O Spine

8. card - York H. K. 1897

#9 card - L. A. Kury

#10 case - M. E. Dougherty

#11 Large case Van-T.P. Hill ditch

#12 " Hotel Kilang - Richmond
 finished 6 PM

Date Received 6-15-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By SA R. W. Holmes, J. G. Buddetta, W. D. Curran, E. L. Humphries, W. B. Weller
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description:
Log of interview with Thomas
L. Black on June 15 and 16, 1950

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6-15-30
WJW
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SAs WZ Wette
Fuller

10:10 AM hit to @ Bro Chinn &
started for office

10:32 AM Arrived office. WZ notified

10:54 AM interview started

12:00 SA Howard Pearl entered
& took order for lunch.

12:45 PM Steno Colthorpe enters
& starts taking statement
from Black.

12:50 PM Coca Cola brought to Black
which he accepted & drank.

1:06 PM Black finishes dictating
statement & stenographer
leaves.

1:11 Black goes to mens' room

1:17 Sandwiches & coffee brought
in for Black & Agents. All
ate.

1:45 Finished eating

1:50 Finished statement & returned.

Black read it over and
made addition on page 2.

2:07 PM Black signs statement &
Agents return it.

2:10 PM Interview resumed.

2:17 PM Stenographer Harry Penner
enters with stenotype machine.
Black dictates statement
to him. Penner

3:35 PM Black gives 2 pieces hard candy
which he ate.

WJW

4:17 PM Miss Penner replaced
by Miss Mooney & interview
continues.

4:25 PM Black goes to men's room

4:30 PM Agent Pearl brings in
water for Black.

4:30 [Pearl takes Miss Mooney,
Walt & Holmes leave. Black
converses informally with Sgt.
Pearl.

4:52 PM Walt & Holmes bring in
waiver of search form which
Black signs. Walt & Pearl
leave.

4:56 PM Walt & Miss Mooney return.
Interview resumes.

5:10 PM Miss Mooney leaves. Inter-
view continues.

5:25 PM Walt leaves to get stenographer.

5:30 PM Miss Corbin enters with Walt
& interview resumes.

5:42 Miss Corbin leaves.

6:09 Black shown photographs.

6:25 Black requests drink of water.
Sgt. Pearl called & he refilled
thermos of tea. Black helps
self.

6:52 Black says he is hungry. Places
meal order. Orders coffee, dark without
sugar & cream & cheese on tray,
cherry or blackberry pie.

7:14 Clerk Matecki delivers food
which was previously ordered.
Interview continues while eating.
RWR

Black has ham & cheese on rye,
coffee & piece apple pie.

7:45 PM Black finishes eating.
Interview continued.

9:10 Black shows photo album

9:12 Finished looking at album

Interview resumed.

11:20 PM Capt. Seale & Humphreys in
Dr. Wilt & Holmes leave. Black
reads transcript of earlier

interview.

12:05 Capt. Holmes re-enters room.

12:10 Coffee delivered to Black.

12:12 Dr. Wilt enters & Humphreys leaves.

12:20 Black finishes coffee & juice.
Reading & signing transcript of
interview.

12:37 Departed from office. Black, Wilt,
Cuniff, Humphreys (driver) Middleton.

12:38 A Arrived Benjamin Franklin Hotel
9th & Chestnut St. Philadelphia. 8:00 PM

12:38 A Black, Wilt, Cuniff, Middleton
arrived room 924 Ben Franklin Hotel. 8:00 PM

12:41 A moved to room 924. Room 924
Guaranteed to room 924.

12:41 A Cuniff - Wilt - Middleton - Black
Guaranteed 8:00 PM

1:00 A Humphreys arrived. Arrived
room 924. 8:00 PM

1:20 A Interview completed. Black related
snake story. Humphreys left. 9:28 PM

1:38 A Story completed. returned to 9:24. 8:00 PM
Humphreys - Cuniff - Middleton

Black Black prizes for best
8:00 PM

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1:46 AM Black told Middleton he could hold his female temp. wge

1:48 AM Black went to bed room 914 wge

1:49 AM [] Middleton left 914 wge. []

2:10 AM [] Black got up in bed to have a cigarette - started
[] but was all he wanted wge. []

2:18 AM Black finished cigarette and laid down wge

2:35 AM Black looked at watch and sat up wge

2:45 AM Middleton entered room 914 wge

2:49 AM Thompson left room 914 wge

4:15 AM Black awoke and initiated
a conversation with Cornell &
Middleton. Smoked a cigarette.
Cornell requested if he wanted
anything. Black replied, No
unless you have a sleeping
pill.

Black requested that Cornell
take notes on things to
elaborate on when he
arises in A.M. J.M.

4:34 AM Smoked another cigarette and
continued to mention incidents
to ask for discussion in A.M. J.M.

5⁰⁰/A Hummer placed Currell
Currell to 928. Humphreys
to 924. Black turned over
to go to sleep. J. J. M.

5²⁷/A Black rose - in & X but then
returned to bed. J. J. M.

5³⁹/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

6⁵⁰/A Currell placed Currell to 928
928. J. J. M.

6⁵⁷/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

7¹⁰/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

8¹⁰/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

8¹⁵/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

8²³/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

8³²/A Black asked if he could see death
of a mouse. He said no. J. J. M.

8:29 AM Book returned to the room
location of box 928 221

8:35 AM Book started phone call to the room 928

8:39 AM Book finished reading paper in

8:41 AM Book left room

8:45 AM Booked away from the room 928

8:43 AM Book returned from 928

8:44 AM Booked to the room 928

8:46 AM Booked to the room 928

8:47 AM Booked to the room 928

8:48 AM Booked to the room 928

8:55 AM Booked to the room 928

9:20 AM Booked to the room 928

9:30 AM Booked to the room 928

9:35 AM Booked to the room 928

9:38 AM Booked to the room 928

9:40 AM Booked to the room 928

9:45 AM Booked to the room 928

9:48 AM Booked to the room 928

9:50 AM Booked to the room 928

9:55 AM Booked to the room 928

10:00 AM Booked to the room 928

10:05 AM Booked to the room 928

10:10 AM Booked to the room 928

10:15 AM Booked to the room 928

10:20 AM Booked to the room 928

10:25 AM Booked to the room 928

10:30 AM Booked to the room 928

10:35 AM Booked to the room 928

10:40 AM Booked to the room 928

7:57 am No 31 to 12th St 2 PM
 10:04 am at 47th St 3 PM
 10:14 AM SAC Carnahan enters and has
 conversation with Black.
 11:01 AM SAC Carnahan leaves & inter-
 view resumes taking up
 questions dictated to Agents in
 early morning.
 12:22 PM SA Holmes leaves & SA Wette enters
 all interview.
 12:35 PM SA Holmes returns, takes up
 interview & SA Wette leaves.
 12:40 PM Black asks to go to men's room.
 He & SA Holmes go.
 12:42 PM Black & SA Holmes return. Black
 given stick of gum, & interview resumed.
 1:01 PM SA Wette returns.
 1:15 PM SA Wette leaves with lunch order.
 1:16 PM SA Wette returns.
 1:34 PM SA Wette leaves.
 1:35 PM SA Wette returns.
 1:40 PM SA Leach delivers album & 2
 clerks deliver previously ordered food.
 RWH

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- 1⁴¹ PM Clerk leave. Black gets ham
& cheese sandwich, cake & coffee.
- 1⁵¹ PM Clerk leaves. Black & Apt
eat lunch & talk informally.
- 2¹⁰ PM [Black finishes lunch & smokes
cigarette. Cigarettes & water are
at hand & he drinks & smokes
continually.
- 2¹¹ PM Black is shown photo of
bureau.
- 2¹⁵ PM Black identifies photo of his
last contact as such.
- 2²⁶ PM Black identifies picture of man.
- 3⁰⁹ PM Completed examination of album.
- 3¹⁷ PM Person to person call to Percy Helie,
53 Holden St., Worcester, Mass., for Black.
- 3²⁰ PM Operator reports Helie not at unit
5⁰⁰ PM. Call ordered placed at 5⁰⁰ PM.
Interview continues.
- 4¹⁷ PM Fresh jug of water delivered.
- 5⁰⁰ PM Holmes & Helie enter. Middleton observed in
5⁴⁰ PM. Helie & Helie entered, exhibited 2 photos to Black. Log.
- 5⁴¹ PM Helie & Helie left. Log.
- 5⁴⁵ PM Helie in, Middleton & Carroll out.
- 5⁵⁰ PM Holmes in. Interview resumed.
- 6⁵⁰ PM Black leaning back in chair
against wall, as he talked, with
PWH

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Chair on back legs. Chair slipped and Black fell on floor. Got up, said he was unhurt, and continued forth interview.

6⁵⁶ PM SAC Cornelius enters.

7⁰⁰ PM SAC Cornelius advises Black the interview is over and he can leave.

7¹⁰ Black, White & Holmes leave room.

7¹⁵ PM Black & SA Holmes leave office

7²⁹ PM SA Holmes leaves Black at 1929 N. 6th St.

REH

Date Received 6/15/50

From Thomas L. Black
(Name of Contributor)

1929 No. 6th St.
(Address of Contributor)

By Walter Holmes
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description: Signed Statement of Thomas L. Black dated 6/15/50

65-4332-10-1(10)

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 15, 1950

I, THOMAS L. BLACK, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, Jr., who have identified themselves to me as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I need not make this statement and that anything that I may say can be used against me in a Court of Law. This statement is voluntary. No force, threats, duress or promises have been made to me. I have been advised that I am entitled to the right of counsel.

I reside at 1929 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia 22. I am employed as a consultant chemist principally for the CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia. I have known HARRY GOLD since February 1933. We developed a close friendship over a period of years, and for the past few years we have seen each other once every few months. It was customary for HARRY and I to arrange for a meeting by telephone and later meet at the prearranged place. This was generally the Library of the Franklin Institute, or occasionally at the Broad Street Station, a Horn and Hardart automat, or more rarely at his laboratory in the hospital.

In the early part of February 1950 after the arrest of FUCHS, HARRY GOLD called me on the telephone and said that it was quite urgent that he see me. I told GOLD that I had some personal business to take care of in the down town section and that I would meet him in the Broad Street Station. From there we walked to 2124 Spruce Street where I was to pick up a radio which belonged to me. During this walk HARRY told me that he had been FUCHS's American contact and that if anything should happen to him he wanted me to look after his father and brother. As nearly as I can recall his exact words were "The FBI is looking for FUCHS's American contact and I am that man." He said that if he should be caught he was going to take an overdose of sleeping tablets which he had acquired, this being the easiest way out. I tried to persuade him from committing suicide. I accomplished my personal business and we separated. I had no reason to disbelieve HARRY's statement because I did know that he traveled to New York occasionally without any apparent business, and I also knew that he made a trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico some time before the test atomic bomb was exploded in New Mexico. I know this because he telephoned me from a hotel in Albuquerque and asked me to telegraph him some funds. I was short of funds myself at the time and so I did not comply with this request. I had no

Thomas L. Black
June 15, 1950

Witness

William B. Welte, Spec. Agt., F.B.I., Phila., Pa.
Robert W. Holmes, Special Agent FBI Phila.

knowledge at the time of the nature of his business in New Mexico, but I presumed that it was probably with reference to employment. The telephone call referred to was made in the late afternoon or early evening to my home address at 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, telephone number Market 3-5710 (?). I have never previously given the information of HARRY's complicity to anyone up until this time. I fully realize that I had certain responsibilities as a citizen to inform the proper authorities of his statement. The reason that I did not inform anyone was that I was frankly very scared at the time and I did not want to become involved if it could be avoided. Also, it is a very difficult decision to be forced to make as to whether or not I should give any information told to me in confidence which would jeopardize a friend of very long-standing. In retrospect I very deeply regret that I did not at that time come forward with the information which would have aided in HARRY's apprehension.

If I can be of any further assistance to the FBI in this or other matters I am willing to cooperate.

I have dictated this to a stenographer in the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The sum of money requested by Harry Gold from Albuquerque, N.M. (referred to above) was \$50, as nearly as I can recall. I knew from the newspapers that Klaus Fuchs had been arrested in England for transmission of A-bomb secrets to the Soviet Union. Harry Gold told me that he had been the contact man between Fuchs and a Soviet agent, in transmitting these secrets.

I have read this two page statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief. I'm signing this and the other page.

*William B. Waller, Jr., F.B.I. Phila., Pa.
Robert W. Holmes, Special Agent FBI Phila. Pa.*

Thomas A. Black

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1929 N. 6th St.

June 15, 1950

Date Received

1/16/50

SA Carlett

(Name of Contributor)

FBI Phila

(Address of Contributor)

(Name of Recipient)

To Be Returned

No

Description:

Notes of search at 1929 N 6th St, Phila.
Room of T.L. Blank by Carlett.

File No.

65-433v-1B-1(11)

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Arrived 7:5 PM Page 1

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1. Science News Letter, June 28, 1947.

2. Sec. 4. New letter Nov. 9, 1946

3 Business card, Industrial Com. Exp. Karl S. Sanders

41 Depo. Ticket Delivered To 12-14-48

Erasmus - Stanley S. Brown

6. Bremer and ~~James R. Hume~~

7. *Bumelia* - *Eriosema* & *Cactaceae*

8. *Passeris caud - Molnae Pub*

9 - Potatoes name correct

10 - Letterhead L. Cooper

1/- Envel. pa + Carta. - 18 Dec 18, 1946

12. Keph. Prod. Income = 0.3653 with notes

13- Typen der Pflanzen, Obst, etc.

S. Franklin D. ~~Smith~~ Library Books

{ #14 thru #38.

#39 Transp'n Institute Announcements Meeting May 1, 1988

#40 thru #44 Cured with Pine Knot

45 *Erinolyx* letter Seattle Wash from 25th E.

#46 envelope & Xmas card with cutting ready to go

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- #47. Bureau and Thomas L. Satchell
- #48 Envelope with 3 workman Receipts Hades
- #49 US Patent Office #2461300
- #50 " " " #2182056
- #51 " " " #2442531
- #52 " " " #2443184
- #53 " " " #2417309
- #54 " " " #2461048
- #55 " " " #2455812
- #56 " " " #2305619
- #57 French Patent #886,365 4 pages
- #58 US Patent Office #2445931
- #59 " " " #2463734
- #60 Folder Clippings N E D
- #61 " " " Clippings E to 7
- #62 " " " Clippings O P D
- #63 " " " " "
- #64 Folder name Mr. J. Eisenhardt
- #65 Letterhead The Penn Record Roberts P.
- #66 Envelope & contents for G. P. Thomas & Co.

7, 1948

1944 N 6th St

Expt - 7/57

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#67. Paper re fusion Atomic Phosphorus

#68. Electric Time Series Device 59447

#69. Card } attached

#70. paper with misc. notes (by paper)

#71. Paper 1 sheet 1 Oil, Paint & Drug Reports

#72. Paper misc notes chemical

#73. " " chemical notes

#74. " " " "

#75. " " " "

#76. " " " "

#77. Paper Envelope containing U.S.

Patent Office } # 2288947,

2166812

2223850

2248346

2275075

2288946

#78. Photostats 590851

192 ● N 6th St. exp. 6/15/50

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Kitchen

2 Large Paper Bags

#79 Small Black diary

#80 Envelope & contents (letter) from Perryway

2 Card Box under desk

#81 Envelope (empty) from Miller

#82 5 page letter

#83 letter dated Nov-5

In another cardboard Box under desk

#84 Note May 10, 1947

#85 US Patent # 1725875

#86 US Patent # 2298501

#87 " " " # 2298501

#88 " " " # 2352160

#89 " " " # 2403937

#90 " " " # 2293676

#91 " " " # 2089212

#92 " " " # 2094608

#93 " " " # 2094609

#94 " " " # 2305619

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Kitchen —

Cached Box under (Vice)

~~#94 Encl. to R. T. 8-26-50~~

#95 Book Telephone Numbers

#96 Page of Purchases L. B. 1941

#97 Encl. & letter postmarked July 15, 1946

#98 U.S. Patent Office # 2159 988

#99 " " " # 2486444

#100 " " " # 2026816

#101 piece of paper with notes

#102 yellow card name Benjamin Clayton

#103 Encl. & card from B. Clayton

#104 Encl. with United States Map

#105 Letter of 11-15-50 2 pages

#106 Letter Perry H. Helie 4-18-50

#107 U.S. Patent Office # 2470964

#108 " " " # 2479041

#109 " " " # 2479628

#110 " " " # 2479629

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- #111 US Patent Office # 2478089
- #112 Letter + envelope Fresno Calif. Aug 7, 1946
- #113 pers. letter paper name Morris Friedman
- #114 Envelope to Morris Kelpman
- #115 Personal Telephone Directory
- #116 Envelope containing 8 frames microfilm
- #117 card R R Pottash M.D.
- #118 Piece graph paper with Misc. Notes
- #119 Card proposal Franklin Institute
- #120 Wedding announcement
- #121 Check from Susan D. Lott 1/1/64
- #122 Clipping with name H. E. Kelley
- #123 US Patent office # 2460117
- #124 U.S. " " # 2128354
- #125 " " " # 2065728
- #126 " " " # 2047196
- #127 " " " # 2476053

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Kitchen

In Cardboard Box Under Dresser

#128 US Patent office # 2474719

#129 Envelope & Xmas card

#130 Sheet Paper with notes

#131 Trunk of Keys, Dick, Tool & String Box

#132

Left hand drawer of dresser

#133 piece of torn card attached by clip

#133 letter Clear Field 1-14-50

#134 long sheet paper with notes

#135 letter Clear Field dated 1-14-50

#136 page 84 Cement Topics

#137 small note on Pash Products

1929 N. 8th St.
Kitchen. Drawers
Lower Drawers

6/15/50 Encl. 1st
page 8

- #138 Philadelphia PTC Map
- #139 check at West Hudson Street Bank 9-14-46
- #140 Telephone Number Book
- #141 Card - W. et al. J. Charles
- #142 Emerson, Dr. B. 3961
- #143 Piece of card Tel. Re 9-14-75
- #144 Card - Herbert B. Lerner
- #145 Envelope addressed Sidney Lees
- #146 card misc. notes
- #147 R. S. Patent office # 2032314
- #148 " " " " # 2093576
- #149 " " " " # 2032313
- #150 " " " " # 1970578
- #151 " " " " # 1918372
- #152 " " " " # 2032314
- #153 " " " " # 1737782
- #154 " " " " # 1918373
- #155 " " " " # 1932180
- #156 " " " " # 2342788

Date Received 6-19-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. Clifford Dwyer
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description: Summation notes
on 6-18-50 on Black

File No. 65-4332-1-B(42)

see ser/65-4332-223

6-18-50

- 12 Took up surveillance at
N. York Penn RR station
- 100 off train
- 101 Small Black building
from N.Y. York
- 102 from Newark apt
- 0:30 men room
- 10:10 Phone booth
RA-5-9425
- 10:15 left by subway
to Brooklyn
- 10:20 3-Evelly to 6+
- 10:30 Home
- 10:35 left home walked
- 11:00 Entered Central
drug store 2040
Germantown ave
- 11:20 left drugstore
walked south on
6 St
- 11:50 arrived home
- 12:00 left out
- 12:30 surveillance
disc.
- Dec 2/4.0.
- JS
- RKH

Date Received 6-20-50

From SA's Wm B. Welte Jr. & Robert W. Holmes
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By _____
(Name of Special Agent)

Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Disposition:
Log of above agents' interview
on 6-20-50 with Thomas L. Black.
65-4332-103-1(13)

6-20-50

UPW
RWH

9:43AM Black called SA Holmes on phone asked if it would be convenient for him to come to the office. Was told yes, he'd be at work, had few things to do & will be in in about an hour.

10:37AM Black arrives in office reception room.

10:42AM Interview starts in room 517 with Black, SA W & B. Wette Jr., & SA Robert W. Holmes present.

10:48AM SA Holmes leaves room.

10:53AM SA Holmes reenters room with stenotypist Jack Hally. Black is told by SA Holmes of right to counsel & continued that his remarks may be used against him.

10:54AM SA Holmes leaves room.

10:55AM SA Holmes reenters room.

10:57AM SA Wette makes phone call asking for pitcher of water for Black.

11:00AM SA Hark brings glass of water.

11:02AM Black finishes glass of water, & SA Wette gets him fresh one.

RWH

6-20-50

P. 2

UBW
TALK

11:52 AM SA Holmes leaves room.

11:54 AM SA Holmes re-enters.

12:11 PM Interview temporarily
suspended for lunch. SA Wette
leaves.

12:17 PM Black, SA Wette & Holmes leave
for lunch.

1:08 PM Black & SA Wette & Holmes returned
from lunch, having eaten at Horn
& Hardaway, 4th & Broadway.
Lunch

1:10 PM Stenographer Mary Penner
enters & dictation resumed,
with Black relating story.

1:54 PM Black remarks it is getting
warm (at 1:54) and asks if
we mind if he opens collar. He
does, & removes coat, which
put on hanger by SA Holmes.

2:14 PM SA Holmes refills glass of water.

2:30 PM Black, SA Wette & Holmes

SA Wette leaves. Black reads
list of items retained on search
of his apartment & desk at
Berg Lab. While he reads,
Stu Mary Mooney enters. Black
signs 2 lists. TALK

6-20-50

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WHL
TWH

2:50 PM Interview resumed with
him moving to his notes

3:15 PM Black asks for recess. He
goes to the bathroom.

3:27 PM [Black & SA Welter return, &
interview resumes.

3:29 PM Translator Harry Tipler enters
to get material & leaves
immediately.

3:51 PM Black suggests recess &
buys coffee. Discussion of
arrangements for continuation
of interview.

4:11 PM Interview resumes.

4:10 PM Interview concluded at
SA Welter's suggestion. Agreed
to meet at 6:30 Wed 6-21-50.
SA Welter & Black leave office.

TWH

Date Received 6-20-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. Clifford Duesley
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description: Notes on physical
surveillance on J.L. Black 6-19-50

File No. 65-4332-131-(14)

See ser 65-4332-224

7:20 Left home
 walked S. on 15th
 to Berks, corner
 to 5th South on
 to work
 7:27 at Lab 1927 455th
 7:25 went to cigar store
 1808 Leimont
 8:00 Returned to work
 had small bag
 brown paper bag
 10:50 Left work
 had package newspaper
 10:51 arrived home
 10:57 Left home walked
 to Cate's Drugstore
 11:05 Both entered Cate's
 Drugstore
 11:16 Left Drugstore
 South on 6th
 11:20 Home
 12:05 Lights out
 12:30 Amusement disc

15-19-50
 3:30 Went up Amusement
 at 50 Berks
 4:12 clock left
 place of work
 4:14 entered Cigar
 store 1808
 Leimont
 4:22 left cigar store
 + back to work
 had newspaper
 5:40 Left work N on 3rd
 W. of Berks, N on
 6:37 to home
 Had brown box
 under arm
 5:46 at Home
 5:49 left home
 walked N on 6th
 5:52 entered Cate's
 Drugstore 2040
 Leimont
 6:30 Left Drugstore
 walked S. on 6th
 6:35 Subj. arrived
 home

Date Received 6-15-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. C. Lippert
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (x)

Description: Notes on Linnell
on Z. L. Black on 6-14-50

File No. 65-4332-1-B7-(5)

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Wgc

3:20 PM On location
in front of Town Hall
150 N. Broad in Pk
Not received from R M G
1938 De Vota Pa Grey
54 HZ 9 parked in front
of Academy + Fine Arts
Registered at Alvin
Dickster (?) 4515 Pine
Driver described as white
5'6", 160+ lbs, dark hair,
receding, dressed in light
grey-blue trousers, darker
blue jacket, in hat
P.115 on corner Broad & Vine NW

②

6-14-50

lge

4:24 PM Informed by 115 that
sub package in a car.
(owner 54429)

4:40 Sub package made
U turn proceed North
Broad + East on Grace
finally parking on N side of
Hillout St just west
of 2nd facing east.
Close to NW corner of
Hill + Hillout with sign
on side "John's Variety
Shop". Package was
not in car but writer
did not see where he
had gone. Arrived at 4:55

(3)

6-14-50

Wye

5:10 PM Cam with person
driving left and proceeded
to 5th & Grace
parking on south side
of Grace in front
of 416. He ^{was able} could
not see whether package
left car. He arrived
in front of 416 at 5:35 PM

5:40 Sub package departed
in Cam with 2 passengers
proceeding North

5:58 G. man left out of
sub package car at
SE corner of Young & 8th

(4)

6-14-50

Log

Woman had faded
blond hair and wore
light, sand hair type,
top cool 30-40 years?

Sub package proceeded
North on parking at
6:00 PM on west side of
St 1/2 block above
Hyming. Sub package
and woman left car
and entered house.

Both passed just to north
of 1st Orange colored
"or pale sign" ^{looking north} just in
lane just behind street

6-14-50

WGC

Thorne had dark
hair, had light colored
jacket on and pills - type
dress with small flower-
type pattern

6:05 PM - Winter secured
+ JTM in P22 photo
over

6-4-50

Wye

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6:25 Arrived rd +
Medor

6:18 Cachege and
Companion Hft Blue
Mercury and crossed
to Osborn at
rd + Wilkes

According to P21
Mercury has H2206
plates.

Left to go to 6-14-50
log

7:20 Back at 7:10
+ Metro

8:00 Luggage + Amperons

8:09 Departed restaurant at
Widener and 2nd

8:12 alighted from museum
at 5th and Cedar

8:12 Crossed St. car at
5th and Cedar Rd.

No. 2035 47-27

8:31 Got off trolley at
Greenham + St. James

8:35 Entered phone store
SE corner 9th + Diamond

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6-14-50

Large

9:04 PM Backage left home

9:30 PM

9:35 PM

" left office
" arrived

Cpl rate drug 2040 Perm.

9:53 PM

9:58 PM

11:10 PM

Departed drug store
Home
Lights out

6/14/50

3¹⁰ JCO + 2 gm
 Picked up 5 E 8
 at 4th & South

3⁴⁵ Siding at 1827 hrs
 B P 21 & B P

4¹⁵ PM wind N 7 E
 at 1318 m E wind
 Sounding
 54 H 29
 Alvin W. Specter
 4515 Pine St.

4¹³ Sub packing can lost
 in Cherry street

4¹⁰ in deposit
 4¹² accident (lost at
 12th Street)